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Portillo defies Right with tax rise warning



By Philip Webster and Janet Bush

MICHAEL Portillo today gives the most explicit warning yet that taxes may have to rise in the November Budget. He says the government's spending policy is tougher than ever it was under Margaret Thatcher — but even that may not be enough to cut the public deficit fast enough.

The key intervention by the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, in an article in *The Times* today, comes just as some Conservatives are claiming that threats of higher taxes are holding back consumer confidence. They want tax increases to be ruled out and a two-point cut in interest rates to boost the recovery.

With the Tory dispute over budget priorities gathering pace, Mr Portillo says in his article that reversing trends in public spending may take some years, while the government needed to reduce its borrowing fairly quickly. "The Chancellor may judge in November that borrowing is not being cut fast enough," he says, and revenue raising measures cannot be ruled out.

The clear warning of possible tax increases is underpinned by Mr Portillo's decision to respond to the Tory right, who regard him as a potential party leader. Evidently sensitive to their charges that he is not being tough enough, Mr Portillo says the government's decision effectively to freeze spending this year and next is "tougher than Mrs Thatcher's record during the 1980s". There is nothing "wet" about the present spending target, he adds.

"We must be robust in constraining public spending, but even so we cannot rule out revenue-raising measures," he says. Failure to take timely action to reduce borrowing could lead quickly to a permanent increase in national indebtedness that could only be addressed by permanently higher taxes.

Mr Portillo says that Conservatives raise taxes "only with the greatest reluctance", but he appears to underline the limitations of what can swiftly be achieved by cutting spending. He says the target set by the government for the coming years "reflects what is feasible first in terms of public acceptability and second in terms of parliamentary time", and adds that most reductions in spending require altering policies — which means legislation.

Mr Portillo's remarks coincide by another salvo from the right — this time from Nicholas Winterton, chairman of the Manufacturing and Construction Industries Alliance, which is made up of MPs, unions and companies. Mr Winterton complained that the threat of higher taxes was retarding consumer spending and confidence and seriously damaging recovery in the housing market.

In the group's first six-monthly statement, he says: "There must be no further tax increases. All they do is take spending power out of the domestic economy, stifle confidence and kill off job prospects."

But as Mr Winterton's group criticised the government for failing to build on early signs of recovery, other reports yesterday indicated that both consumer and business confidence were beginning to grow.

The latest Gallup survey of consumer confidence showed that optimism about the recovery improved sharply between July and August, which the pollsters put down to receding fear about jobs. Further surveys of small businesses, firms managed by their owners and industrial companies also suggested that many more firms are now expecting to take on staff over the next year, reflecting healthier demand and a revival in consumer confidence.

Adding to the more positive tone was news yesterday from accountants KPMG Peat Marwick yesterday of sharp falls in the number of company insolvencies and personal bankruptcies between the first and second quarters of the year. Company liquidations dropped by 10.5 per cent and individual bankruptcies by 21.5 per cent.

Tim Hayward, head of corporate recovery at KPMG, said: "The dramatic decrease in the level of bankruptcies indicates that there has been a start to the return of consumer confidence and this is likely to continue in the current climate of lower interest rates."

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TODAY IN THE TIMES

Degree vacancy service



● Don't panic! That's the message to the 150,000 people still looking for a degree course. Those who keep a clear head may win a place despite poor A-level results.

● Today The Times begins the most regular, up-to-date vacancy information service available. The daily subject-by-subject service starts by concentrating on the scarce places in arts, social sciences and business studies.

● Tomorrow the spotlight will fall on the sciences, including the popular health studies courses. On Friday, it is the turn of engineering and technology. The service will rotate between these areas throughout the four weeks of clearing and will include advice for aspiring students.

● Courses have been filling up at an unprecedented rate, and competition in clearing is expected to be the fiercest yet, especially on the arts side. Early information will be at a premium. The Times hopes to offer its readers the best chance of a degree course place this autumn.

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Saddam envoys escape 'tyranny'

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent and Hazhir Teimourian

CHRIS HARRIS



Hamed al-Jubouri, left, and Hisham al-Shawi, the Iraqi ambassadors who fled the Saddam regime, at yesterday's London press conference

TWO veteran Iraqi ambassadors who have defected to Britain vowed yesterday to fight for the overthrow of President Saddam Hussein — and said they had taken nearly £250,000 from an embassy safe to help the cause.

Now senior British diplomats believe their dramatic move could have a domino effect: the defection of two such prominent men could lead Saddam to recall other ambassadors whose loyalty was in doubt. Those envoys might, in turn, choose to demonstrate their anger over the destruction of their country.

The arrival in London of Hisham al-Shawi and Hamed al-Jubouri is an important coup for the Iraqi National Congress, Saddam's main opponents in exile, which organised the double defection. The two diplomats were senior members of Iraq's Sunni Muslim political establishment and had been both ambassadors and ministers. Mr al-Shawi had served in Saddam's presidential office.

Neither envoy appeared to have brough briefcases stuffed with intelligence material that could be useful in tracing Saddam's arms supply networks, but the Foreign Office and MI6 will still want to talk to them. They will also keep a watch to see if the double defection spurs other Iraqi ambassadors to seek asylum.

Mr al-Shawi, who was ambassador in Ottawa, has his wife and daughter with him and Mr al-Jubouri, who was the ambassador in Tunis, also has close family here. They did not fear reprisals against other relatives left behind, but accepted that their own lives would be in danger. The timing of the two defections was no coincidence: the two, who both retired last week, have been firm friends since their schooldays.

Baghdad tried to play down the betrayal, saying both diplomats had retired weeks ago, but their defection could have a more lasting impact than Iraqi officials cared to admit, especially in the light of a reported purge against leading Sunni officials and military officers in Iraq.

Asked at a press conference yesterday if other Iraqi ambassadors might follow their example and defect, Mr al-Shawi said he did not know, but added: "They will see me on television and hopefully they will join us."

Mr al-Shawi, an Oxford graduate who had also served as justice minister and as an envoy to London, admitted that he had emptied the Ottawa embassy safe, fearing misuse of funds that belonged to the Iraqi people. "I considered it my responsibility to ensure that they are not used to further sustain a regime that has treated its people so vilely," he said. The money — $155,950.10 in American currency and $273,530 in Canadian banknotes — was to be placed in a trust fund and would be returned once "the age of tyranny has passed".

Mr al-Shawi went on to explain why he remained loyal to Saddam after the invasion of Kuwait and why he had now decided to defect. "When the disastrous aggression against Kuwait occurred and the very existence of Iraq was in danger, duty and my nature compelled me to stand fast at my post despite my awareness of the magnitude of the recklessness of the coup," he said.

Thousands of Iraqis had hoped the regime "would learn, retract and take the initiative to rectify matters. But the fleeting dream was soon dispelled and it was clear that the present regime in Iraq admits no mistake and feels no responsibility. It has no other objective but the maintenance of its tyrannical power, notwithstanding defeat, disgrace and total ruin.

"Now my sense of duty dictates confrontation and open challenge if the situation is to be resolved before everything is lost. Proud Iraq has receded into a darkness unknown to it since the days of the Mongols. The state has become a vast police network with no other task but to ensure the security of the ruling clique and to keep it in power."

Mr al-Jubouri said that Saddam's regime had dragged Iraq into two destructive wars. "In record time, in what seemed like a frightening nightmare, it destroyed a once strong and prosperous country, leaving it morally and financially bankrupt, isolated from its people, its Arab neighbours and the international community."

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Universities drop out of arts clearing

By John O'Leary and Ben Preston

A DRAMATIC decline in vacancies on degree courses in the arts and social sciences is confirmed in today's first survey by *The Times* of this autumn's higher education opportunities.

Several universities and colleges will be absent for the first time from the clearing process, which tries to match disappointed candidates with remaining vacancies. Others have places only in science, engineering and technology.

Admissions officers expect a scramble for the courses listed for clearing today. In the 22 most popular arts subjects, only 236 of the 2,000 single honours degrees running in the new academic year still had vacancies yesterday. Jeff Enderby, the head of information for the Universities Central Council on Admissions, said there would be 500 more courses available in clearing than last year, but there

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UN calls for airdrops as Croats turn back convoy

With Croats holding up Mostar aid with political demands, relief must come from the sky, Richard Beeston writes from Medugorje

TENS of thousands of starving and desperate Muslim civilians in the city of Mostar last night placed their faith in American airdrops of aid after United Nations efforts to relieve their two-month ordeal ground to a halt.

With little food, almost no medicine, and water available only from the grimy banks of the Neretva, as many as 55,000 trapped Muslims are in imminent danger of starvation and ultimate annihilation by the Croat stranglehold around the city.

The UN yesterday asked Western allies to begin parachuting in food and medicine. Sylvana Foa, spokeswoman for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, said the organisation had asked Britain, France, Germany and the United States to carry out the airdrops after the Croat militia blocked a land convoy to Mostar earlier in the day. US Air Force Hercules transport aircraft, were due last night to deliver the town's first tonne of humanitarian supplies in two months, giving the encircled Muslims a badly needed morale boost.

What the population really needed was stranded here, in 19 UN lorries laden with food and medicines and only 15 miles south of Mostar. It is being prevented from reaching the Muslims by the Bosnian Croats, who are using the aid as a hostage for their political ambitions.

The convoy, consisting of three British Overseas Development Administration lorries and 16 Belgian military trucks, will again this morning try to brave sniper fire and shelling by crossing the line into eastern Mostar.

Foreign aid workers in the area reported that the Croats' decision to halt the convoy coincided with a fresh offensive by militiamen who pounded the historic Ottoman centre of the city with heavy artillery and engaged in fierce gun battles with Muslim fighters north of Mostar. Several people were reportedly killed yesterday, two of them civilians in an ambulance that took a direct hit from Croat positions and others picked off by snipers as they tried to collect water from the river banks.

Among the Croats' demands was the supply of aid to the Croat-dominated western half of Mostar, the return for burial of Croat dead held by Muslims, and the release of up to 100 wounded Croat soldiers from the Nova Bila hospital in central Bosnia which is surrounded by Muslim forces.

The Bosnian Croats, who have suffered a series of battlefield defeats at the hands of Muslim forces over the past weeks, control all access from the worst affected areas of central Bosnia to the sea, where international aid is delivered by ship.

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Mothers' Union blow to family

By Ruth Gledhill

TRADITIONAL family life has been dealt another blow by the Mothers' Union, which recently debated prostitution and the legalisation of brothels.

In the union's journal, *Home & Family*, published yesterday, a senior member criticises the "inflated importance" given to the family which, she says, can in fact be stifling, secretive and imprisoning. The article provoked immediate criticism from traditionalists, who accused the union of attacking the values it was intended to uphold.

In the journal, Christine McMullen, a former central vice-president, says that the nuclear family of mother, father and children is not a blueprint with divine endorsement. She adds that many biblical families had love, hate, incest, prostitution, jealousy, theft and disbelief in them, and yet God still loved them.

She recommended instead a reversion to the Old Testament model of large collections of families in a clan or household.

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Crewman on Liberator bomber recalls attack as U-boat fights to stay beneath the waves

Recovery of U534 evokes horror of deadly mission

BY RICHARD I~E AND CHRISTOPHER FOLLETT

ATTEMPTS to complete the lifting of a German U-boat from the sea off Denmark were delayed yesterday by th weight of mud and c wedged between its inner outer hulls. am

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As continued, a former opener recalled the mo- RAF years ago when his tor bomber sank the arine. Cledwyn Wil- ms, 79, was part of the crew ll on the bomber that iscovered U534 on the surface of the Kattegat sea between Denmark and Sweden on May 5, 1945.

Under heavy gunfire, the plane attacked and sank the U-boat with depth charges. Colleagues in a second bomber from Tain, near Inverness, died when the plane was hit by the boat's guns and crashed into the sea. Mr Williams said that news of the salvage of U534 brought back the sadness of losing his comrades. "One of the men on board was a very close friend," Mr Williams, from Hampshire, said.

U534 was one of three pinpointed on radar by the Liberators as they flew over Denmark on a 12-hour patrol to protect Allied shipping from U-boats. Mr Williams, a former warrant officer whose flight responsibilities covered wireless operation, mechanics and gunnery, said yesterday: "We were determined to get the leader of the pack since they had downed of ours. We came in dead aight and at the last mo- ent our skipper decided to set his sights to 250 feet. We could see the tracer bullets going under our belly.

"The depth charges went either side of the rear of the U-boat and damaged the engine. The crew piled out into a dinghy. The U-boat went nose up and tail downwards and slipped down into the sea. The two other U-boats had crash-dived immediately."

The Liberator pilot, Flying Officer John Nichol, was later awarded the Distinguished



Williams: lost close friend in the attack

Flying Cross and gave a certificate to each member of the crew to mark their part in the sinking.

Mr Williams married his wife Geraldine a few weeks before the sinking and has five sons and nine grandchildren. After the war he worked in electronics development with Plessey and Marconi. He has been too ill to attend the lifting operation by Smit Tak, the Dutch marine salvage team.

The next step for the salvors is to empty the submarine of diesel. Its hatches have been opened and, once emptied of fuel, the boat should be ready to lift on to the barge.

Per Kluver, a researcher on the project, said yesterday: "The first attempt by two cranes to lift the U-boat up to a submersible barge this morning failed as mud and clay lodged between an inner and outer hulls made it too heavy. The clay increased the submarine's weight to around 1600 tonnes from its actual 1,144-tonne dead weight, so we winched the vessel into the sea to flush out the clay."

Danish coastguards are expected to examine the vessel before the salvors try to find and remove the 15 torpedoes and the ammunition believed to be on board. After an initial investigation of the opened subarmine — possibly today — it will be transported on the barge by the end of the week to the North Sea port of Hirtshals, where Danish conservationists will begin the task of emptying it of its contents.

A project spokesman said that the vessel was in "fantastic" shape. Built in 1942, it was found by Danish divers in one of the deepest crevices of the Kattegat waterway in 1986.

There have been rumours that the boat may have been carrying treasures as it left the German port of Kiel in the final days of the second world war, but German survivors have expressed grave doubts about whether anything will be found.

The salvage operation is being carried out by Danish divers in co-operation with Smit Tak. The vessel is eventually due to be put on permanent exhibition in a new submarine museum in a Danish provincial city. The venue has not yet been decided.

JULIAN HERBERT



U534 photographed by the RAF Liberator bomber just before it was sunk by depth charges off Anholt island on May 5, 1945

Bomber struck as curtain fell on war in Europe

BY ALAN HAMILTON

TO DEFINE to the minute when the 'Thousand-Year Reich collapsed is a matter of debate, but as good a moment as any is 8am on May 5, 1945, a few hours before U534 was sunk.

It was a Saturday, the last weekend of the war in Europe. The previous Monday Hitler had committed suicide in his bunker, leaving command of his collapsing armies to Admiral Doenitz, a man captured by the Allies in the last days of the Great War and sent to Manchester Asylum, having been certified insane by his captors.

At 6.25pm on the previous day General Kinzel and Admiral von Friedeburg had presented themselves at General Montgomery's tent on Lüneburg Heath, not far from the Danish border, and signed the unconditional surrender of the German armies in northwest Europe. But the silencing of the guns brought only confusion and panic among the defeated.

Doenitz, faced with the awful reality, signalled to the German navy that there was to be no scuttling of the fleet. The navy, and especially the U-boat fleet which had sunk 2,800 Allied merchantmen and 148 warships, had other ideas:in the first week of May, against all orders, 231 U-boats scuttled themselves rather than surrender. Others contemplated escape; U534 was of an ocean-going class that might have found a haven on some friendly far-flung shore. She slipped out of Kiel, but never got out of the Kattegat: for days after the surrender the RAF patrolled the Baltic coasts, picking off would-be fugitives.

Denmark had become the focus of Churchill's attention after he divined Stalin's intention of enslaving a defeated Europe and had received intelligence reports of Soviet paratroopers landing in Jutland.

On the day U534 was sunk SS guards at Ebensee in Austria attempted to herd several thousand Jewish prisoners into a tunnel, telling them they were being protected from Allied bombing but in truth intending to kill them. Both prisoners and guards knew the end of battle was near. The prisoners refused to move. The guards, aware of the threat of war crimes tribunals, capitulated. At about 8am on May 5, when captors and captured hung equal in the scales of fate, three young, emaciated and starving Jewish boys set on the chief guard and, with skeletal limbs, beat him to death. The Reich had fallen.



Cledwyn Williams and the crew of the Liberator which sunk U534

NEWS IN BRIEF

Revival of inner cities hampered by delays

Schemes to revitalise inner cities, pioneered by Margaret Thatcher and Michael Heseltine, have been held up by unnecessary delays and inaccurate spending forecasts, according to a report by the National Audit Office.

The NAO examination of eight urban development corporations, which have spent more than £750 million on improving areas in industrial and economic decline, accuses them of providing inconsistent, unreliable and vague details of their work. It says the corporations overall have made "substantial progress", but more than half the large projects examined had been delayed by an average of two years.

Secrecy 'excessive'

Demands for greater access to government records were rejected yesterday by William Waldegrave, the public service minister, although he said that Britain remained too secretive about official papers. He told BBC Radio 4's *Today* programme that there were practical reasons against American-style rights to examine official files.

Farm unrest warning

Farm workers will be forced to take industrial action if the Agricultural Wages Board is abolished, Bill Morris, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers Union, said yesterday. The board, which fixes minimum pay, is being reviewed by the government. Mr Morris said farmworkers would have to become "slave labour or industrial fighters".

Lagos killing 'a mystery'

The assassin who shot a British export consultant in a Nigerian hotel room in July 1991 may never be traced, an inquest was told yesterday. David Rollings, 61, was shot while on a business trip to Lagos. Paul Forrest, Avon coroner, read a report from police and said: "It would appear it is still a mystery as to why the deceased was killed."

Anger as IRA prisoner gets leave

BY NICHOLAS WATT

THE IRA prisoner who orchestrated the 1981 hunger strike was released from the Maze prison yesterday for a week's summer home leave.

Brendan McFarlane, 42, who also led the break out of 38 prisoners from the Maze in 1983, walked free to protests from Unionist MPs who accused the Northern Ireland Office of going soft on terrorism.

McFarlane was sentenced in 1976 to five life terms for the 1975 bombing of a Belfast bar which killed five Protestants. He was recently taken off the list of top-risk prisoners.

Ken Maginnis, the Ulster Unionist MP for Fermanagh and South Tyrone, condemned the home leave. "This would appear to be folly which will undermine the public's confidence in the administration of justice," he said. "Releasing a convicted multiple killer and jailbreaker hands a propaganda victory to the IRA."

McFarlane was allowed home under a parole scheme



McFarlane: killed five in Belfast bar bombing

for inmates who are serving sentences with no release date. Such prisoners can apply for leave at Christmas and over the summer after 11 years in prison.

Seamus Mallon, MP for Newry and Armagh and the deputy leader of the SDLP, defended the scheme. "I am very much in favour of the parole system which prepares inmates for their return to life outside," he said. "It has been very successful because there is a remarkably low degree of regression to paramilitary action."

Terrorist prisoners in Northern Ireland serve shorter sentences than inmates on the mainland because the Home Office believes they may have been swayed into paramilitary organisations at a young age. The home leave scheme is designed to undermine paramilitaries by reintroducing former terrorists into the community whose sobering experience in prison should deter youngsters from following their example.

The Northern Ireland Office said that no prisoner in the scheme had reoffended during home leave. A spokesman said: "We have been allowing out prisoners serving indeterminate sentences since the Christmas of 1986 and nobody has ever dishonoured the rules. The 20 top risk prisoners in the province are never allowed out."

The spokesman rejected allegations that convicted terrorists were a danger to society out of prison. He added: "Once they have served time they are a liability to the paramilitary organisations and most just melt away."

Toll drivers face speeding surcharge

BY TIM JONES
TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

MOTORWAY drivers could face instant speed surcharges of up to £200 under proposals which would charge motorists 50 pence for every mile of their journey over which they exceed the 70mph speed limit.

Under the plan, a motorist travelling the 400 miles from London to Glasgow at a constant 75mph would face a £200 charge after identification by roadside electronic devices. The plan is being considered by Robert Key, the roads minister, but his department conceded that it may be some years away as the technology to enforce it does not yet exist.

Last night, the proposal was dismissed by the Automobile Association as a "charter for the law-breaking rich" while the Royal Automobile Club said efforts should be concentrated instead on making other roads safer.

Mr Key's determination to act has been influenced by the constant flouting of motorway speed limits and the increased performance of family saloons, which are capable of cruising at more than 100mph. A similar system is in place in France, where motorists buy a ticket at one toll booth which is checked against time and distance when it is surrendered at the next and police are pressing for it to be used in prosecutions.

In Britain, John MacGregor, the transport secretary, has ruled out motorway toll booths but is determined to charge the country's 24 million motorists for using the 1,400-mile motorway network. He is believed to favour an electronic tagging system by which drivers who use a motorway would be charged about 1.5p a mile, with lorries having to pay up to 4.5p a mile.

Kidnapped student tells of gun battle

BY JAMES LANDALE

ONE of the two British students kidnapped by Kurdish rebels in Turkey said yesterday that she was relieved and happy to be alive. Anna Young, 22, and Michael Paterson, 21, were freed on Monday after Turkish soldiers shot eight of their captors.

They were seized by the Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) at a checkpoint near Kozluk while on a bus between the eastern city of Van and the port of Mersin.

Miss Young, from Axminster, Devon, told ITN news: "We were on the bus. Then we were taken off at night and held in the mountains by quite a lot of terrorists. The next day, we managed to get out in the shooting. There was lots of shooting."

She said: "We are relieved, happy to be alive." The Britons and four Afghan passengers were held for about 12 hours before being freed.

Anna's father Anthony Young, 63, said: "Her intention was not to go too far into the dangerous area but obviously she did."

A Foreign Office spokesman said the pair were making their way to the British Embassy in Ankara and hoped to fly home today or tomorrow.

University arts courses missed out of clearing

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would be fewer arts and social science vacancies. "There will be some nice surprises for a few early risers, but we will have no law courses and other traditionally popular subjects are bound to go quickly."

Fewer than 38,000 of the expected 265,000 university and college places remained vacant yesterday. The Polytechnics and College Admissions Service said with just 15,000 places unfilled, there were more than 55,000 applications under consideration and a further 106,500 eligible to enter the clearing system.

More than 106,000 applications had been rejected, compared with 93,000 this time last year. Mike Scott, the deputy chief executive of service, said staff were making decisions more quickly with less room for manoeuvre.

The first listing of arts, business and social science degree courses appears in *The Times* today. The daily service will move on to science courses tomorrow, with engineering and technology vacancies appearing on Friday. The service will continue throughout the four weeks of clearing.

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Woman's body found in armchair

Elderly brother and sister discovered murdered at home

BY LIN JENKINS

A DEVOTED brother and sister who drove off an intruder recently were found murdered in the flat where they had lived for 46 years.

William Bryan, 71, and Anne Castle, 74, were discovered by police after neighbours raised the alarm on Monday. They became concerned when nobody answered the doorbell even though a light was on and the balcony door was open.

Mr Bryan, who was invalided out of the services during the second world war, was found gagged and with his hands and feet bound on the floor of the flat in Bethnal Green, east London. His sister was sitting in an armchair.

Scotland Yard said last night that Mr Bryan had died from asphyxiation and that both he and Mrs Castle had suffered from heart disease.

A spokesman said it was believed that Mr Bryan's suffocation was caused by a hand being placed over his mouth. "Both deaths are being treated as murder as whatever occurred prior to the deaths contributed to the heart disease," he said.

Officers were keeping an open mind on the time of the death, although it was likely that whatever took place had ended when a neighbour noticed a light in the flat at 4am.

Det Supt Keith Fletcher, who is leading the enquiry, said there was no sign of forced entry, which indicated that the couple had let someone in. Their belongings had been disturbed and he believed that a burglary had taken place.

Neighbours said that Mr Bryan and his sister had seen off an intruder a few weeks ago. Mary Renshaw, 78, a close friend who called the police early on Monday morning, said: "They did have someone try to get in but they were always very careful to keep their front door locked."

Mr Bryan and Mrs Castle moved into the flat 46 years ago with her husband, who died in 1986.

Her five children and grandchildren were frequent visitors. "Both of them were very pleasant, very trusting and were always helping neighbours out," Mrs Renshaw said.

Mrs Castle's son-in-law Dennis Leonard, 47, who runs a pub in nearby Stepney with his wife Janice, described the brother and sister as "true Eastenders". He said Mrs Castle was fit and healthy for her age and had just returned from a holiday in Eastbourne.

"The family has taken this very badly. We just cannot believe what has happened," he said. "Annie was the sort of person to give, give, give. She would have given her last morsel to help others. She never upset anyone."

Mr Leonard said his mother-in-law was very wary of opening the door to strangers. "The people who did this must have known her because there was no sign of a forced entry."

Elaine and Debbie Low, sisters who live in the low-rise council block, said there had been several break-ins. Despite this, Mr Bryan and Mrs Castle were friendly with their neighbours, chatty and outgoing. "He was such a nice man," Elaine Low said. "Only on Saturday night he made my mum some pasties. They loved the children and always gave them sweets."



Castle: always willing to help neighbours

☐ An elderly man was found murdered in sheltered accommodation yesterday after sustaining serious head injuries. James Alexander, 84, was discovered at the home in Hampstead, northwest London, by the warden at lunchtime.

Scotland Yard said it was not yet clear whether Mr Alexander had been the victim of a burglary that went wrong. A spokesman said: "This was a vicious killing and we are anxious to catch whoever has done this."

SIMON WALKER



B.K.S. Iyengar, the Indian yoga master, helps followers perfect their powers of balance yesterday at an international yoga convention at Crystal Palace, London. The teacher, in his seventies, has taught his method for over 50 years, with the violinist Sir Yehudi Menuhin an early convert

Family beaten and robbed by masked shotgun gang

BY LIN JENKINS

A PROPERTY developer was beaten at gunpoint and three generations of his family tied up when a gang broke into their secluded home in the New Forest.

The four men, all wearing ski masks and carrying sawn-off shotguns, escaped with £10,000 in cash and jewellery after threatening to kill the family, whose house in Ringwood, Hampshire, is 300 yards from a police station. Police are investigating the similarities of the attack to three robberies around Chichester, West Sussex.

David Smith, 47, disturbed the gang when he returned from the pub shortly before 11pm on Monday to find his 80-year-old mother, his wife and three children tied together. His mother had been dragged from her bed.

Mr Smith was beaten about the head and knocked to the ground before being forced to hand over the money and jewels. The robbers, three of whom spoke with Irish accents, escaped with the family's red BMW.

Det Insp Paul Dawson, who is leading the enquiry, said that Mr Smith was forced upstairs "and the men told him they would kill him unless he gave them his money, and he was forced to hand it over. The family are very lucky that they had money to give the gang, because they were highly volatile and they could well have become more violent and this whole incident would be very much more serious."

Mr Smith's wife Eileen freed herself and raised the alarm. Her son Andrew, 19, his sister Michelle, 17, and their nine-year-old brother were shocked but unharmed. Mr Smith was in Salisbury District Hospital yesterday, being treated for minor cuts and bruises. The family's alsatian puppy was examined by a vet after being kicked when it barked at the robbers.

There was no sign of a forced entry at the house. Mr Dawson said: "The gang seemed very well organised and the family had the impression that they had done this sort of thing before. They had obviously targeted this house. It is possible that someone close to the family may have said something to others who thought that the house was worth robbing."

A spokesman for Hampshire police said that the robbers were "obviously a professional criminal gang". A white car believed to have been used by the men has been recovered and was being examined by police yesterday.

Mr Smith was recently associated with the development of the Ashley Heath industrial estate in Ringwood. The family's home is up a private drive and stands in the grounds of the Riverside country club.

Star offers to take truth drug

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

THE actor Burt Reynolds has offered to take a truth serum on live television if his estranged wife, Loni Anderson, does so too, in a peculiar attempt to prove that he indulged in fewer adulterous affairs than she did.

Reynolds said on American television yesterday: "I will give her everything I own, including the $13 million she was asking for, if she will take a sodium pentothal test, and I will take one right beside her.

"We'll ask how many extra-marital affairs she's had since we got married and ask me how many I had, and ask the dates of hers and the dates of mine," Mr Reynold said, adding that his wife, who is an actress, would not accept the challenge.

"If she does, she could win eveything. If I win, I get Quinton [their four-year-old adopted son]. That's all I want."

Mr Reynolds' challenge comes two months after he filed for divorce, following four years of marriage and 11 years together.

Sodium pentothal, one of many misnamed "truth serums", is actually a barbiturate used by anaethetists before surgery. Instead of making Mr Reynolds and Ms Anderson confess their marital infidelities, the drug would probably render them both comatose. That would be a great relief.

Fire wrecks Judi Dench's house

BY JOHN YOUNG

A FIRE badly damaged Dame Judi Dench's 18th century cottage and destroyed much of the actress's most cherished theatrical memorabilia early yesterday.

The blaze swept through the first and second floors of the listed, three-storey house in Hampstead, northwest London, damaging part of the roof only six hours after firemen had put out an earlier fire.

Dame Judi, 58, was at her country home on the Surrey-Sussex border with her husband Michael Williams when the fire struck — but was seen in tears when she visited yesterday morning.

Her daughter Finty, also an actress, had been at the house with two friends when fire broke out. All escaped unhurt.

London Fire Brigade was first called to the house shortly after midnight. Firemen found a small fire on the first floor, apparently started by an upturned candle, and put it out. At 7.25am, the brigade was called again and this time it took 40 firefighters two hours to quell the blaze.

The spokesman also said investigators were looking into the causes of both fires. One possibility was that the earlier blaze re-ignited, but he said firefighters routinely stripped areas affected by fire to ensure there were no hidden hot spots.

Whatever the cause, it is unlikely to be made public — only Dame Judi and her insurers will be entitled to the information.

Dame Judi and her husband have lived in the house for 25 years. Among the debris outside yesterday were the melted remains of an *Evening Standard* award, representing the masks of Comedy and Tragedy.



Dame Judi: away from house when fire struck

Henry Gunton, a Camden council environmental officer, said after inspecting the building: "Almost everything I saw was burnt out, furniture, books, clothes, everything. There is a lot of black stuff and a lot of water damage."

Dame Judi has had a distinguished career on the London stage and has appeared in performances by the Old Vic, the Royal Shakespeare Company and the National Theatre. Her film credits include *A Room with a View* and *A Handful of Dust*, and she has also performed in many television productions.

Her production of *Romeo and Juliet* is currently running at the Open Air Theatre in Regent's Park. She is due back on stage on Saturday.

Within hours of viewing the damage, she and her husband went ahead with a recording of *King Lear* for the BBC in honour of Sir John Gielgud's 90th birthday. "You just have to get on with these things," Mr Williams said. "It's a great shock."

Jackson stays silent on abuse claim

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

MICHAEL Jackson, the pop star whose bizarre habits and intense privacy have enthralled Americans since he was ten years old, is facing allegations of child abuse.

Yesterday, as the 34-year-old millionaire musician bumped and ground his way across a Bangkok stage at the start of the latest leg of his "Dangerous" concert tour, police in Los Angeles confirmed that he is now the subject of a criminal investigation, while his aides insisted that he was the victim of a failed blackmail attempt.

On Saturday, Jackson's home in Century City, Los Angeles, and his 100-acre Neverland ranch, where he keeps a private zoo and fairground, were raided by police. Last week, a Los Angeles child welfare agency reportedly received a complaint from a woman claiming her child had been abused by Jackson during a visit to the pop star's home.

A private investigator employed by Jackson, describing the episode as "an extortion gone awry", said the complaint was filed after blackmailers unsuccesfully attempted to extort $20 million from Jackson.

"These people tried to extort Michael for a lot of money," Anthony Pellicano, who has co-ordinated Jackson's security for four years, told NBC television. "They made threats they wanted to go to the district attorney's office and I said 'Go' ... When we would not pay, a phone call was made to Child and Family Services which started this investigation." According to his staff, Jackson receives 25 to 30 extortion threats every year.



Michael Jackson with fans in Bangkok yesterday

Mr Pellicano said that the alleged blackmailers knew Jackson, but he refused to identify them or the woman who filed the complaint. Police also declined to give details of the investigation, pointing out: "We have to be sensitive to everyone involved." One of Jackson's more celebrated quirks is his taste for litigation.

The black musician's strenuous attempts to avoid revealing details of his private life have been met with an equally determined effort on the part of gossip columnists and chat show hosts to uncover even the most incidental detail about the reclusive star. His skin has proved a particularly fertile source of controversy.

Earlier this year, Jackson took the unprecedented step of granting a lengthy interview to the television inquisitor Oprah Winfrey, during which he insisted that the light colour of his skin was the result of a skin complaint inherited from his father rather than the consequence of cosmetic surgery.

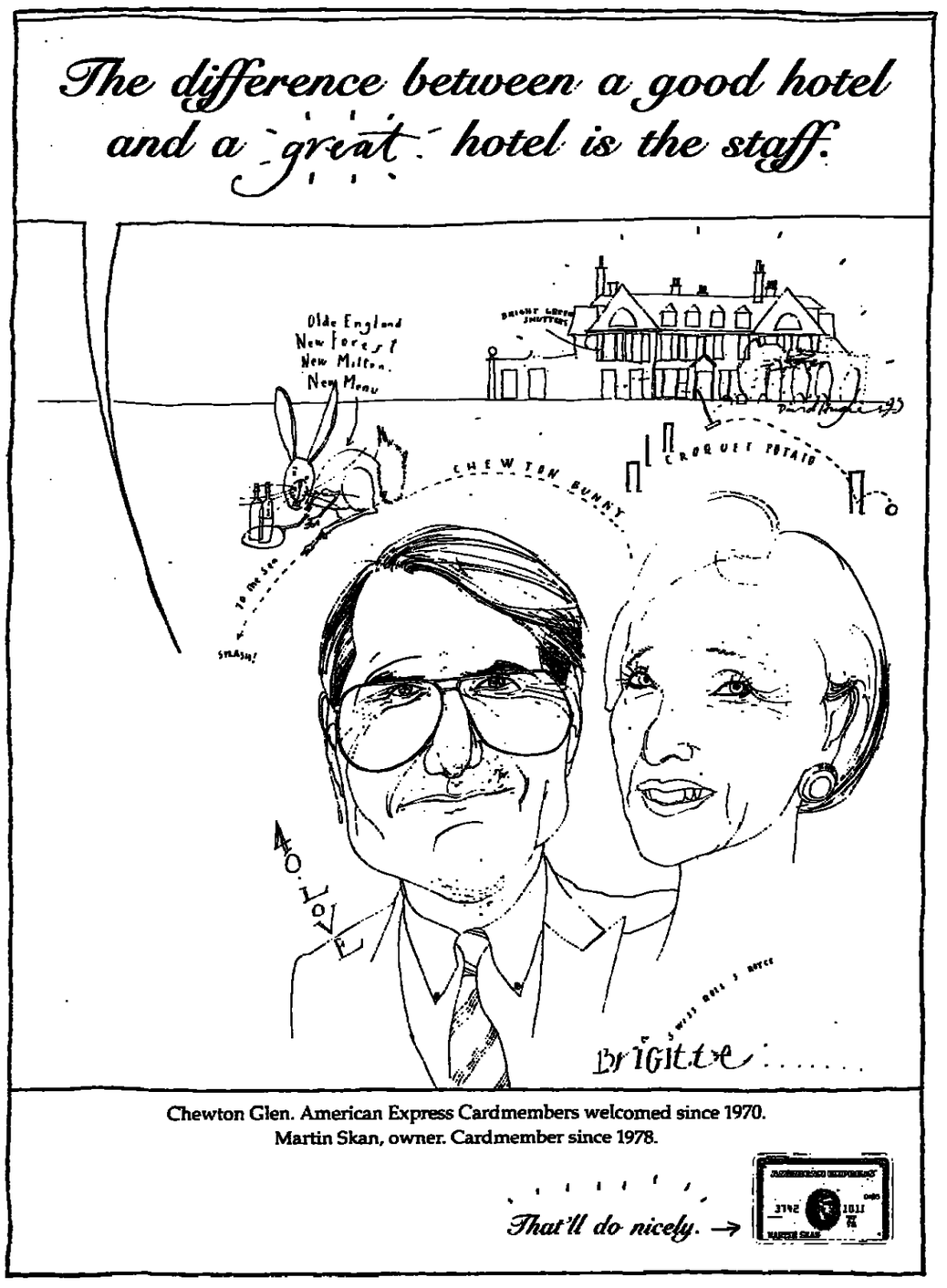
In the interview, he said his father physically abused him as a child, but added that he had probably "deserved" his ill-treatment.

Jackson also talked about his friendless youth as lead singer of The Jackson Five, which had its first number one hit in America when he was 11. He surrounded himself with children, he said, to make up for his unhappy childhood and lack of parental affection.

As part of his charity work, Jackson invites hundreds of sick and disabled children to visit his ranch every year.

According to press reports, Jackson's two best friends are the actress Brooke Sheilds and "Bubbles", a pet monkey.

Jackson, who is due to perform 15 concerts in Singapore, Taiwan, Japan, Russia, Israel, Turkey and the Canary Islands before returning to America, has steadfastly refused to comment on the allegations.



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Sheep heads left at gate in Mafia-style rustling dispute

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, COUNTRYSIDE CORRESPONDENT

WELSH police are investigating the dumping of 41 sheep heads at the entrance to a farm near Pontypridd, Mid Glamorgan. The macabre incident, more suited to the *Godfather* films than the bucolic world of hill farming, appears to be the latest twist in a long-running dispute over allegations of sheep rustling.

Gerald Mason, of Glyntaff Farm at Rhydyfelin, said yesterday that he was confronted with the grisly spectacle at his farmgate at 6.45am on Monday. "Whoever did it must have left the heads during the night. We think some came from our animals, but their ears had been cut off to remove identification marks so we cannot be sure."

Last year, Mr Mason appeared in court on charges of stealing sheep but the case was withdrawn because of lack of evidence.

He said: "There has been friction between our family and four or five other farmers in the area because we have doubled the size of our farm over the past few years. They are just jealous of our expansion.

"They left a 3ft by 2ft plywood sign with the heads saying in large black letters 'You will not win this time, Masons.' They are trying to stitch us up again."

Mr Mason and his two brothers keep 6,000 sheep. The family owns and rents 900 acres around Pontypridd and 100 acres at Raglan, Gwent. He said: "Two weeks ago, police removed some sheep and a cow from my land at Raglan. "The police tell me that the sheep have tattoo marks under the tail showing they belong to someone else. I believe they were deliberately placed on my land."

It is not the first time that sheep heads have been used in anger in recent years. Richard Morris, of Ty Canol Farm, near Caerphilly, said: "In March of last year, I found 13 of my best ewes lying in a field with their throats cut. A month later, 12 sheep heads were laid across the driveway



to our house. In June of that year, my barn burnt down."

Chief Insp Richard Ravenhill, of Pontypridd police, said: "We are investigating the dumping of the heads at Mr Mason's farm. There have been a number of other incidents of criminal damage in the area over the past year but we cannot be certain there is any connection between them."

Stuart Huntley, a neighbour of Mr Mason, said there had been an unprecedented level of sheep stealing during the past year."Last year, 500 sheep were stolen from common grazing land and adjoining farms between Pontypridd and Caerphilly, and a further 300 sheep and lambs have been stolen so far this year. I myself lost 100 sheep last year," he said.

The opportunities for sheep rustling are much greater in the hills because so many of the animals are grazed on common land. "Hill farming is based on trust and when that trust breaks down, chaos ensues," Mr Huntley said. "A sheep can be worth the best part of £100, taking into account its sale value and the subsidies that can be claimed on it. Fortunately, I was insured against theft."

Police said their efforts to prosecute sheep rustlers had been hampered by the lack of an effective method of marking sheep. Many farmers cut a series of notches in the sheep's ear, but they can be removed by cutting off that part of the ear. It has been difficult to prove in court that such mutilation has taken place with the intention of removing another farmer's identifying mark.

Malcolm Thomas, deputy director of the regional office of the National Farmers' Union in Swansea, said. "Any case of sheep stealing is extremely serious and should be vigorously pursued by the police.

"We have a lot of common grazing land in the Welsh hills and it is extremely regrettable when normal farming harmony is disrupted by such incidents as these."

Woman of 98 stages lone sit-in

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A WOMAN aged 98 is refusing to move from her nursing home after it was closed by the local health authority last Thursday.

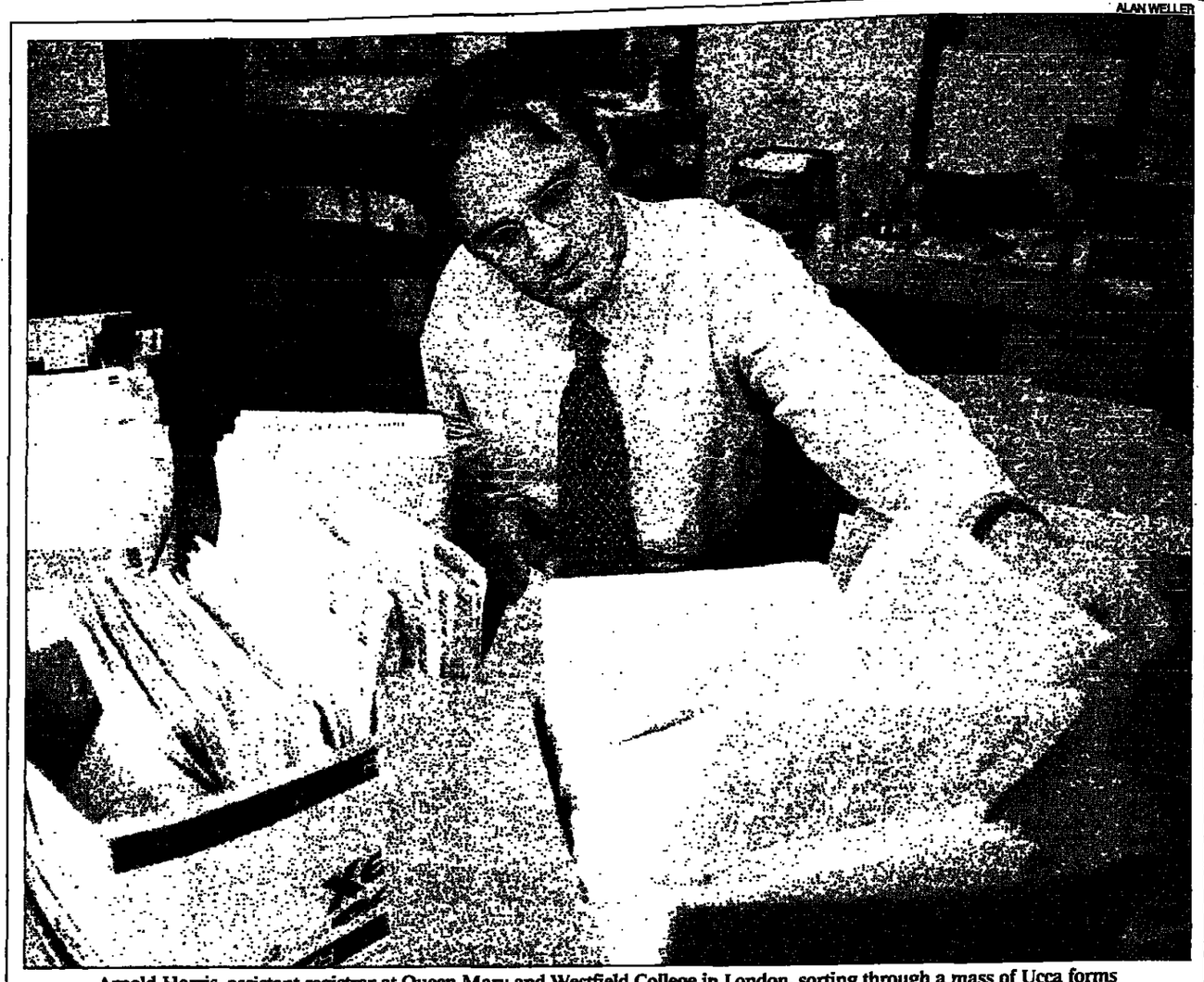
Eva Marshall has rejected attempts to persuade her to move by doctors and social services staff after the Molyneaux Park nursing home in Tunbridge Wells, Kent, was shut.

Other residents were found rooms at nearby homes after inspectors recommended closure. Mrs Marshall, however, is determined to stay in the room she has lived in for nine years. She moved there with her husband, who died a few years later.

A place has been found for her at another home but, with force ruled out, all attempts to move her have failed.

Health authority staff have been taking meals to her room and caring for her since Saturday when other residents left.

Beverley Koonjul, who owns Molyneaux Park with her husband, said: "A doctor tried to persuade her to move and had his foot in the door of her room so she pushed it out into the corridor with her walking stick. If she doesn't like what they are saying, she will not listen."



ALAN WELLER

Arnold Harris, assistant registrar at Queen Mary and Westfield College in London, sorting through a mass of Ucca forms

Registrars pass A-level juggling course

BY WALTER ELLIS

■ University admissions staff are the frontline troops in the battle for scarce university places. It is they who must patrol the frontier between success and failure

IT IS often the parents who are the worst. They have invested so much energy and hope in helping their children into university that they can feel rejection most keenly.

"Look," says one of the harassed admissions staff at Queen Mary and Westfield College, London, "I understand how you must feel and I know how difficult it is. But I must ask you to be reasonable." A high-pitched buzz is discernible down the telephone. The Queen Mary's man waits patiently for the parent to draw breath, then counters swiftly. "I'm sorry, but I can't guarantee your son a decision today." He replaces the receiver and mops his brow.

Such calls are a commonplace up and down university admissions offices this week. The A-level results that landed on the doorsteps last week were a welcome summons to some, a death knell for others. For those caught tantalisingly in between, they represent possibly their first adult crisis. The realisation that they have not, after all, sailed effortlessly through and must join the scramble for last-minute places requires cool nerves and determination, qualities often in short supply just days after they have had the stuffing knocked out of them by two Cs and a D.

Arnold Harris, assistant registrar for admissions at Queen Mary's, clearly feels for the borderline candidates but must operate in accordance with the rules. Those looking to become law students cannot be considered at this stage unless they have achieved at least 24 points on the A-level table.

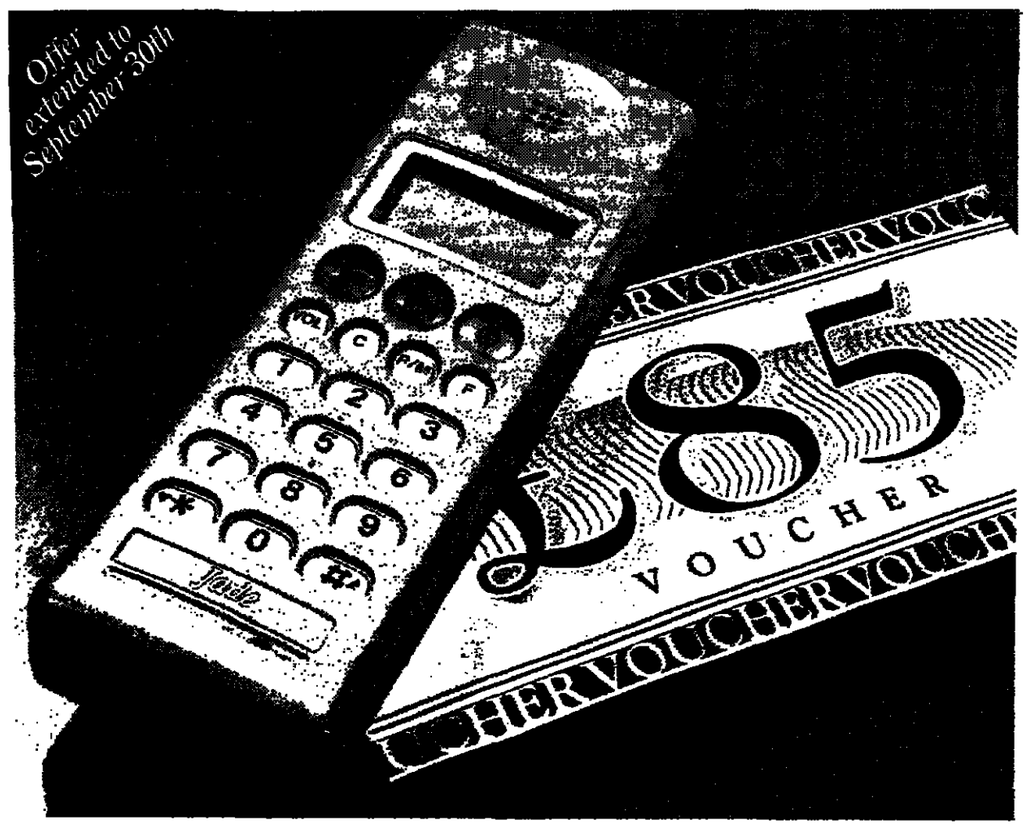
Grade A is ten points, grade E — the bottom pass mark — is two. To get a comfortable 26, a candidate would typically have an A and two Bs. Most of those now seeking university entrance through the clearing house are more likely to have a B, a C and an E and must trust to luck and the juggling skills of admissions staff if they are to achieve their end.

"It can be a shock for some people when they discover they haven't made the grade," Mr Harris says. "And it's difficult for us to establish who are the ones who should have done better and can still benefit from a university education and those who oversold themselves." Few candidates are prepared to go anywhere or do anything, he says. "They remain discerning to the end, still ringing around hoping that something will turn up."

At Queen Mary's, a computerised command centre helps to process the borderline brigade. The academic staff make the decisions, but the processing team still has the power to shock. "How many points do you have? I see. I'm sorry but we're looking for low 20s at least."

But there are joys, too. Rowzat Tayyebkhan, an ex-student on the processing team, says that the successful candidates can be overcome by the good news. "One girl yesterday couldn't stop squealing. It was brilliant. It really made my day."

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THE TIMES WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP



BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

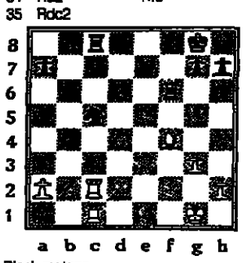
THE role of honour in the Lloyds Bank tournament, which has been running since 1977, includes: Aleksandr Beliavsky (USSR); Simen Agdestein (Norway); Michael Wilder (USA); Gary Lane (England); and in 1989 Zurab Azmaiparashvili, now an assistant to Garry Kasparov.

Here is a crucial game from 1989 in which Azmaiparashvili dispatched one of his chief rivals, Jon Speelman.

White: Zurab Azmaiparashvili
Black: Jon Speelman
Lloyds Bank Masters 1989

English Opening

1	c4	Nf6
2	Nc3	c5
3	Nf3	Nc6
4	d4	cxd4
5	Nxd4	Qb6
6	Nb3	e6
7	g3	Ne5
8	f4	Bb4
9	Qe2	d6
10	f4	Nc6
11	Be3	Qc7
12	Bg2	Bxc3+
13	bxc3	b6
14	e5	dxe5
15	fxe5	Nd7
16	Nd4	Nxd4
17	cxd4	Bb7
18	Bxb7	Qxb7
19	0-0	0-0
20	Qg4	f5
21	exf6	Nxf6
22	Qxe6+	Rf7
23	Rae1	Re8
24	Qf5	Qc8
25	Qxc8	Rxc8
26	c5	Nd5
27	Bd2	bxc5
28	Re5	Nf6
29	dxc5	Nd7
30	Rd5	Nxc5
31	Rc1	Rfc7
32	Bf4	Rc6
33	Rd6	Rb6
34	Rd2	Rf6
35	Rdc2	



Black resigns

Whatever Black might do, the pin against his knight will cost him a piece.

Chess festival

The London Chess Centre is organising two months of chess activities in conjunction with the British Chess Federation and the London Chess Festival, to celebrate and run concurrently with the world championship match between Nigel Short and Garry Kasparov.

Events include coaching, commentaries, lectures to children, blitz tournaments and simultaneous displays. The London Chess Centre is situated at 369 Euston Road, London NW1. For further information, telephone 071 388-2404.

Reader's game

This game, won by *Times* reader Colin Searle, was crucial to the final of the knock-out league in Leamington.

White: R. Yeung
Black: C. Searle
Leamington League 1993

Latvian Gambit

1	e4	e5
2	Nf3	f5
3	Nxe5	Qf6
4	d4	d6
5	Nf3	fxe4
6	Qe2	Qg6
7	Nc3	Nf6
8	Nh4	Qf7
9	Nxe4	Nxe4
10	Qxe4+	Be7
11	Bg5	0-0
12	Bxe7	Qxf2+
13	Kd1	Rf4
14	Qd5+	Kh8
15	c3	Nc6
16	Bg5	Bg4+
17	Nf3	Nxd4

White resigns

Chess exhibition

To celebrate *The Times* World Chess Championship and promote interest in the game, Haslemere Educational Museum is organising a series of junior tournaments at the museum next month.

An exhibition of interesting and unusual sets will run from September 7 to October 30, coinciding with the title games. Ring 0428 642112 for further information.

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REAL ARTISTS OF THE CHESSBOARD

MARCEL Duchamp, one of the founders of dadaism, surrealism and cubism, became so obsessed with chess that he gave up art. He won tournaments in Paris and New York, played for France in four Olympiads, and co-wrote one of the most obscure of all books on the endgame: *L'Opposition et les Cases conguées sont reconciliées.*

The high spot of his chess career was Hamburt 1930 when Alekhine being indisposed, he faced one of the all-time greats, Frank Marshall, in a France-USA match — and snatched a surprise draw.

On his honeymoon in 1927, he spent the days studying chess and most of the nights sleeping. His enraged bride crept downstairs one night and glued all pieces to the board. The marriage lasted three months.

René Magritte was another great surrealist absorbed by chess, although his friends said it was just as well his paintings were better than his Sicilian defence.

Maximilian Mopp, a co-founder of dadaism, was reckoned to be in the Duchamp class as a chess-player. Max Ernst and Man Ray played chess with Duchamp; but were more famous for their chess-set designs than for their quality of play. Other chess-playing artists: Rembrandt (who, according to one biographer, learnt from Ruy Lopez's textbook), Gustave Doré, Paul Klee, Georges Braque, Vicky the cartoonist, Yves Tanguy, Maurice Vlaminck, Walter Sickert and Salvador Dali, who designed a set made of solid silver fingers and thumbs.

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Drug cash laundering 'puts banks in danger'

BY RICHARD FORD
HOME CORRESPONDENT

CRIMINALS may be undermining the viability of some of Britain's biggest financial institutions by using them to launder huge volumes of money made from drugs dealing and forgery operations, Albert Pacey, the new head of the National Criminal Intelligence Service, suggested yesterday.

Mr Pacey, who became director general of the service earlier this month, said: "The money has to be moved around somehow. It can undermine the institutions."

Banks and other financial organisations have made 16,000 voluntary disclosures of information about suspect financial transactions involving criminals to the service.

The figure is expected to grow as people involved in large scale crime, particularly involving drugs, attempt to launder their money through High Street banks and other organisations.

About 12 per cent of disclosures made to the service have led to successful police and customs investigations. Additional intelligence which helped current enquiries came from a further 25 per cent of the disclosures.

Mr Pacey, 54, said the service, which has a £25 million annual budget, has identified 500 important criminals in England and Wales. Most of them lived and operated in the South of England and he believed a further 2,000 needed watching.

The service has produced dossiers on 450 criminal operations through informants, leading to 330 arrests. Its international liaison officers have given information which has led to the arrest of more than 60 people around the world and the recovery of dangerous drugs with a street value of more than £100 million.

Mr Pacey said public concern about street crime should not overshadow the hidden dangers of sophisticated drug trafficking, fraud, money laundering, large burglaries and organised crime.

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Detectives launch investigation into woman's claims of violence and child abuse

Daughter leads police to disciples of cult guru

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

DETECTIVES from North Wales launched a big investigation into accusations of child abuse at an isolated cult commune yesterday when they travelled to London to interview Rebecca Teacher, one of more than a dozen alleged victims.

Miss Teacher, 18, who was severely beaten and abused for over six years, was at the centre of a criminal trial last week in which she exposed the sect's activities. She is helping police to compile a dossier on "The Teachers Community" by putting them in contact with other victims prepared to give evidence of childhood suffering.

The focus of the allegations is Kevin O'Byrne, 57, her father, whose cult was likened by Judge Tayler at the Old Bailey to those run by David Koresh in Waco, Texas, and the Rev Jim Jones who led 913 disciples to suicide in 1978.

Mr O'Byrne fathered seven children by four women at his farming commune near Bangor, Gwynedd — several of them registered in the surname Teacher. He already had five children by his ex-wife, and was described by the judge as "mentally deranged and viciously violent".

Police are expected to interview him after they complete their enquiries among victims of the commune. Mr O'Byrne, a former schoolmaster with a history of mental illness who liked to be called "Kevin of the Teachers", is said to be on holiday in France.

Last week, a jury cleared Miss Teacher and her stepfather William Webb, 43, of blackmailing him.

She accepted that she sought £50,000 from Mr O'Byrne by threatening to expose him to newspapers. But she said it was compensation for her suffering and to protect other children by financially damaging the cult.

Miss Teacher, rescued at the age of 11 by her mother who quit the cult and won wardship proceedings, has been fighting for an investigation since 1986 when she began making complaints to police, the NSPCC and schoolteachers, only to be met with disbelief.

Miss Teacher said yesterday: "I am telling all and helping the police locate several other victims. Some of them are too scared to help but at least five are willing to speak. The fact that I had to endure a trial to get the police to take action is ridiculous. But the first stage has been accomplished and now I hope justice will be done."

Det Chief Insp Gareth Luke, leading the enquiry, said: "Officers are speaking to Rebecca. Then we shall decide what further enquiries need to be made. It will take a long time. I don't want to rush Rebecca. She has had a terrible ordeal."

Meanwhile, the Charity Commissioners have frozen the bank account of a registered charity set up by Mr O'Byrne to fund the cult and taken control of its property because of concern over its administration.

Mr O'Byrne, who founded the cult in 1972 and acquired the farm in 1975, recruited fellow Mensa members who were made to leave their children in Wales while they lived in cult premises in London. The cult was awaiting the day when a nuclear holocaust destroyed society and The Teachers could emerge to re-educate the survivors. The Welsh commune was abandoned about six years ago after a planning application to extend its facilities was turned down. It now has about 11 members and survives in Bledington Grounds, a 17th century farmhouse near Stow-on-the-Wold, Gloucestershire, a large Victorian house in Ealing, west London, and a small house in Oxford.



Detectives want to interview Kevin O'Byrne, top, after allegations of abuse by his daughter Rebecca Teacher, right, and William Webb, below

Hearing aid offers new hope

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

HEARING aids anchored in the bones of the skull can offer better sound to thousands of deaf people. The bones transmit the sound, bypassing the middle ear to produce much better hearing for some people who have been deaf since birth and others who have become deaf after infection.

The technique, pioneered in Sweden, is being carried out in several British hospitals. David Proops, consultant ear, nose and throat surgeon at the Queen Elizabeth Medical Centre in Birmingham, says that the operation can be done as a day case, under local anaesthetic, and is no more difficult than crowning a tooth.

A small hole is drilled in the mastoid bone behind the ear and a titanium screw fitted into it. The bone grows around the screw and integrates it completely into the bone structure. A platform, which appears above the skin, is attached to the screw.

The hearing aid, made by the Swedish company Nobelpharma, fits into the platform with a simple bayonet fitting and is concealed by hair.

County courts fall short of high standards pledged

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE county courts in England and Wales are not living up to the promises of the Courts' Charter with their poor facilities and failure to provide the people who use them with adequate information, a survey published today says.

The National Consumer Council survey of 819 people in 35 county courts finds that the public are dissatisfied with the the service they receive. Many court users are not told what they want to know, such as how long they will have to wait, what documents they should bring, and what they should expect when they arrive, the council says.

The Courts' Charter, published in November 1992, promised to inform consumers about transport to the court and the facilities available there, and to provide the name and telephone number of a court official who can be contacted for further help.

But the council survey found that more than 90 per cent of the people surveyed had not been told about facilities available, 88 per cent had not been sent information on how to get to the court, and 77 per cent had not been given the name of a staff member.

At the court, users were most dissatisfied with canteen facilities, the lack of public telephones and poor access for prams and wheelchairs. People were satisfied with the politeness of counter staff and the length of queues, but much less satisfied with the lack of privacy, which was considered to be serious by those using counter services and those attending court for a hearing. Fifty-seven per cent of those surveyed wanted to be given more privacy.

Facilities varied markedly from circuit to circuit, with courts in the Wales and Chester circuit coming out of the survey particularly badly. Of those who had used the courts there, 83 per cent were fairly or very dissatisfied with canteen facilities, 65 per cent were fairly or very dissatisfied with the toilets, and 42 per cent were very dissatisfied with access for prams and wheelchairs.

Only 12 per cent of all users questioned wanted to complain about court services but 76 per cent of those did not know that there was a complaints procedure.

Ruth Evans, the consumer council's director, said: "Going to court can be a stressful and difficult experience. The results of our survey show too little effort is put into making the experience less bewildering and more manageable for consumers."

The evidence suggested that the Courts' Charter was not being consistently or properly implemented. "The Lord Chancellor's department and all courts should review the extent to which they are meeting the charter promises."

The council is calling the setting up of a formal complaints procedure with the power to deal with grievances about poor service and maladministration and to award compensation. Consumers should also be able to complain about the way they have been treated by the judiciary, it says.

Other proposals include the setting up of consumer advisory committees for each county court, and for the Lord Chancellor's department to review listing procedures. The council says that the department and the county courts should monitor the progress of the Courts' Charter and compliance with it.

☐ *CourtWatch: Implementing the Courts Charter* (National Consumer Council, 20 Grosvenor Gardens, London SW1W ODH; £3.50 inc postage)

Conductor suffers eye haemorrhage

BY ALISON ROBERTS
ARTS REPORTER



Sir Edward: forced to cancel engagements

SIR Edward Downes, principal conductor at the Royal Opera House, was recovering from laser treatment yesterday after a haemorrhage in his left eye caused almost complete blindness.

Sir Edward, 69, suffered a similar illness in his right eye more than 40 years ago and now has only peripheral vision in both. An operation to cauterise haemorraging blood vessels was carried out at Moorfields Eye Hospital in central London. New techniques can recover sight, a spokesman for the hospital said yesterday.

Jonathan Groves, Sir Edward's agent, said that his conducting career would continue, but might be limited to works he knows by heart.

"The question is really whether he can learn new scores with vision which makes it very hard to read lines of music," he said. "At the moment, it is as if there is a metal bar in the middle of the eye. But he is an incredibly stoical and resilient man with huge reserves of determination."

Sir Edward has been forced to cancel several conducting engagements in coming weeks, including a performance of Verdi's *Oberto* at the Edinburgh festival and a Cardiff memorial concert in honour of the Welsh baritone Sir Geraint Evans.

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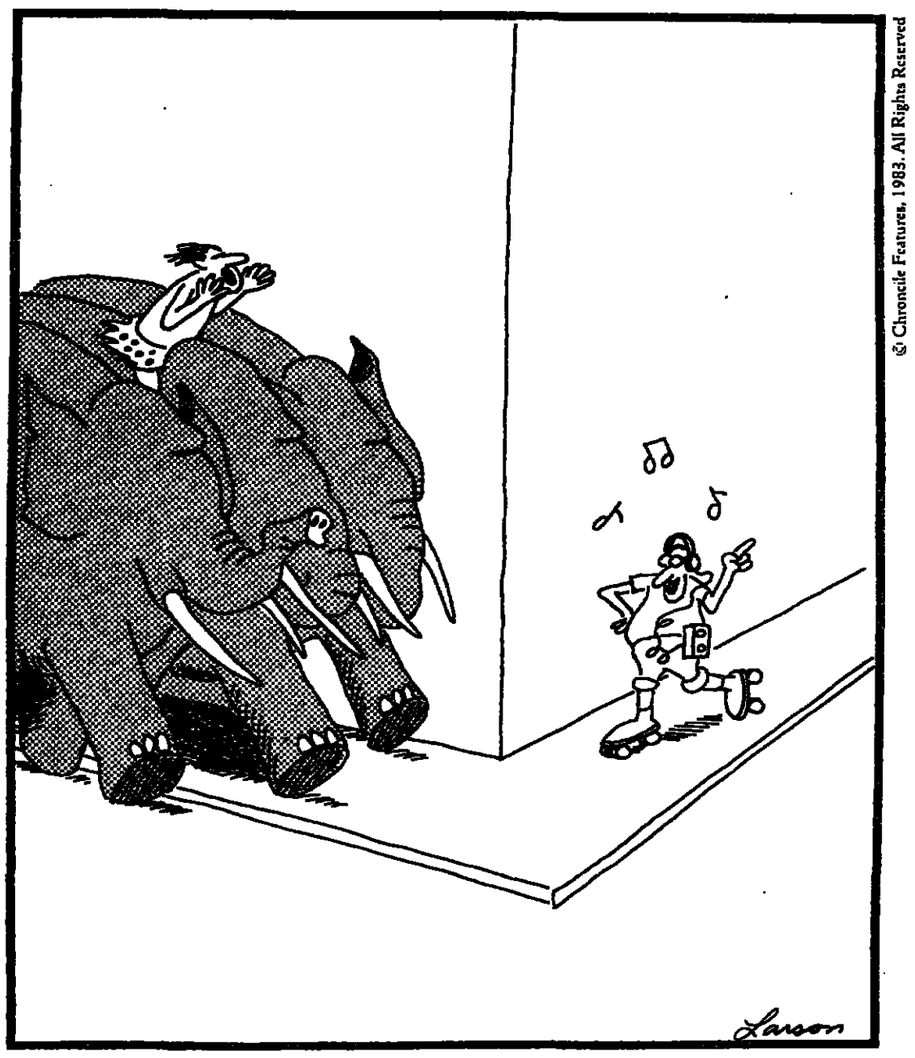
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SECURITY HAS NEVER BEEN SO INTERESTING.

The Times news focus on women and health care provokes a heated response

BY LOUISE HIDALGO

EARLIER this month, *The Times* published a series of articles entitled *Women Failed by Medicine*. They showed how women are often the victims of discrimination, neglect and intrusive treatment at the hands of doctors, and generated scores of letters — for and against the medical profession.

Several readers took issue with specific points raised in the series: an article by Germaine Greer criticising the medical world's attitude to hormone replacement therapy provoked particularly heated debate.

At the end of the series, we asked readers who felt they had been mistreated by doctors or had experienced difficulty in being seen by a doctor of their choice to write in with their story. Many did. Some were general complaints from women who felt their requests for help had been ignored by male, and sometimes female, doctors.

Several described domestic abuse and claimed their pleas for help had been ignored. One woman wrote that she had been told by the doctor who was treating her for depression that she should not provoke her husband after he had attacked her.

The most consistent complaint involved medical attitudes to treatment of breast cancer, hysterectomies, sterilisation and childbirth.

We are printing four of the stories today. All are told from the patient's point of view.

A three-part series by The Times, starting today, examines discrimination against female patients

WOMEN FAILED BY MEDICINE

Why do doctors treat women so badly?

JULIAN MERRICK

Why patients feel threatened by the shortcomings of their doctors

BY DR JAMES LE FANU

DOCTORS are rightly criticised for lack of imagination. For patients, a doctor's failure to appreciate apparently straightforward medical decisions may seem strange and threatening.

Sometimes the attitude is part of a doctor's defence mechanism against becoming over-involved in the tragedies of patients' lives. The problem is certainly exacerbated by pressure of work — it is difficult to be adequately sympathetic in a rushed ten-minute consultation.

These four cases, however, seem to suggest that unsympathetic attitudes reflect an underlying medical misogyny. Mrs Dewhurst's case, for example, epitomises a recurring theme that genuine problems are not taken seriously because the complainant is a woman. As Mrs Dewhurst says: "I knew where the pain was, I knew it was spinal related. But I was just made to feel, 'We know best, you know nothing'."

Less common, but more serious, is the assertion that doctors, most of them male, cannot grasp the impact of mastectomy on a woman's self-image — or the psychological effects of an operation such as a hysterectomy or removal of the ovaries that limits future fertility.

Finally, Mrs Lewis expresses the frequent belief that obstetric services are designed for the convenience of hospital-based "male" obstetricians, thus restricting the opportunities for home deliveries.

There are technical factors involved in each of these cases which make it difficult to have an opinion without knowing more details. It is not necessarily appreciated by the public that diagnostic techniques such as mammography are not infallible, while radiologists can have a genuine difference of opinion on their interpretation. Similarly, the issue of whether radiotherapy and chemotherapy should be given immediately when cancer is diagnosed is not at all clear and there are good arguments for keeping these treatments in reserve.



Le Fanu: "Medicine is not an exact science"

It is most unusual for any woman to have her ovaries removed "if her life was to be saved" — which suggests some serious complication in Miss Ayres' emergency operation.

Mrs Lewis touches on a very important issue: the increasing vogue for hospital-based deliveries was accompanied by GPs' loss of skills and confidence to assist in home deliveries. So we see how the benefits of specialisation — greater competence, technical expertise — are bought at the price of de-skilling other branches of the profession.

There are numerous opportunities for dissatisfaction with medical treatment. Medicine is not an exact science: it is not possible to guarantee a successful outcome with any degree of certainty and things go wrong or are overlooked. The question is whether, as these case histories imply, this is compounded by a generally unsympathetic attitude towards female patients.



Patricia Dewhurst found doctors dismissive when she complained of pain. Tests finally showed that she had been injured by injections

CASE 1: Home birth

Two generations defeat prejudice

"I STILL become incoherent with rage and frustration over the male attitude to pregnancy and childbirth," Sarah Lewis said.

Ms Lewis, headmistress of an independent school in southeast England until last year, had her first child 30 years ago in a hospital in Littlehampton, West Sussex. "I was caressed at four months' pregnant by the first GP who examined me. At the ante-natal clinic, I was left lying naked on a couch for an hour and a half while white-coated staff wandered in and out. During labour, I was left entirely alone in a sort of waiting room. The delivery itself was awful."

She decided that her next three children would be born at home. She had to fight to be allowed to do so each time. She was in Germany, where her husband was serving in the army, while pregnant with the third child. "The army medics were totally opposed: it had never been done before. In the end, I had to sign myself off from any medical assistance from them and my baby was delivered by a local German midwife who was excellent. But I was lucky; I was pig-headed and I could speak German." Her fourth child was born in 1981, when Ms Lewis was 39. "The gynaecologist told me I was idiotic to even consider having it at home."

Ten years on, she said, little seemed to have changed. Her niece, Louise Goodenough, 33, last year gave birth to her third child. Her first was born in hospital but she had the second at home, by accident but without problem, and she wanted the same for her third. Her GP opposed the idea, as did the hospital consultant.

Mrs Goodenough said: "I asked the consultant how long he had been on duty. He said 18 hours. I said I would feel safer in the hands of a midwife." It was only after she threatened to move to another practice that her GP agreed to a home birth.

"We seem to have gone backwards rather than forward." Mrs Goodenough said. "If women felt more confident about home-births, if they weren't largely misinformed by hospitals and doctors, more of them would stand their ground. Instead, the resources put into midwifery are falling."

CASE 2: Ovarian cysts

Life shattered by a denial of choice

FOURTEEN years ago Rosalind Ayres, then 25, had an operation to remove cysts on her ovaries. Everything went well: she was given a course of danazol tablets, to prevent infection, and suffered no further ill-effects.

Three years later, however, she suddenly became ill with severe abdominal pains and was taken to hospital with suspected acute appendicitis. When she came round after the operation she found herself on the gynaecological ward. When the consultant arrived, he told her the suspected appendicitis had in fact been endometriosis, an inflammation of the womb, and her ovaries had been removed to save her life.

"I was shattered. My life was ruined, I could never have children. I was totally at a loss as to how they could have done this without my consent," she said.

No nurse or medical staff came to comfort her after the news was broken to her, she claims. "It was left to another patient, who had overheard, to come over and put her arms around me."

She left hospital ten days later. "I was impossible to live with. I could not sleep, I could not do anything. I was wrecked. I just could not come to terms with the fact that someone I had never met before in my life could make such a fundamental decision about my life." Six weeks later, she returned with her mother for a check-up. Angry and distressed, she told the consultant she intended to sue.

She made an official complaint through the NHS complaints procedure. The external panel concluded that the doctor acted within his rights but recommended the health authority should pay for three attempts at IVF.

Because her marriage had collapsed under the strain, it was not until seven years later, in a new relationship, that she decided to try. She was told it would cost £15,000, beyond the authority's means.

"I know they thought they were acting in my best interests when they removed my ovaries. But I was given no say, no choice. I believe I was entitled to a clear explanation of the treatment proposed, including any risks and alternatives before deciding whether I would agree."

CASE 3: Breast cancer

Three years of wrong diagnoses

SIMONNE Renvoize discovered a lump in her breast in February 1990, shortly before her 45th birthday. She lives in Cornwall where there is no specialist cancer centre. The radiologist who did the mammogram assured her the lump was "purely hormonal".

A few months later, visiting her GP about a chest infection, she mentioned the lump was bigger. He suggested a visit to a consultant. Six months after first feeling the lump, Ms Renvoize was finally found to have a malignant tumour and needed a mastectomy.

After the operation, she was told she would not need radiotherapy and chemotherapy. Five months later, her other breast was removed and in January this year a malignant lymph node was discovered under the first breast which, despite her surgeon's attempts to dissuade her, had been reconstructed.



Renvoize: told lump was "hormonal"

She has just finished six months of chemotherapy and is about to start six weeks of radiotherapy. She believes the chance of recurrence would have been less had she received this treatment after the first mastectomy.

When breast cancer was first diagnosed, she asked for a cervical smear "as a precaution". An internal examination revealed a slightly enlarged ovary and she had an ultrasound scan. The report, sent to her consultant, said there was nothing to worry about.

She has had another scan and last week, exactly three years after breast cancer was first diagnosed, was rung to be told an ovary must be removed. She must wait a further ten days to learn whether it is precautionary or whether she has secondary or primary cancer.

CASE 4: Epidural

Injection blamed for legacy of pain

PATRICIA Dewhurst had her first child four years ago, at the age of 34. Like many first-time mothers, she was admitted to hospital hoping for a natural birth.

After 16 hours in labour, however, she welcomed the offer of an epidural. "Immediately I knew something was wrong. I felt a strange sensation run down my right leg."

The day after the birth, she could scarcely move, unable to raise her head from the bed more than a few inches. The anaesthetist told her the epidural had tapped the wrong part of the spinal canal and said she had two choices: she could either lie undisturbed for a week or have a "blood patch" (a process whereby blood is injected into the spinal area).

She opted for the latter, eager to spend time with her son. "Afterwards, I felt strange sensations across my back. But, happy I could now walk and look after my baby, I decided not to say anything in the hope things might get better." They didn't. The pain spread to her right leg and toes.

Returning to her London hospital nine weeks later for a check-up, she was told by the anaesthetist not to worry: it was probably due to bruising around the birth canal. The pain persisted. She and her husband moved from the area the next year and Mrs Dewhurst went to a second hospital, also in London, and saw a second anaesthetist. She was given a blood test but was again told nothing was wrong.

It was only last year, at her GP's insistence, that she was referred to a neurologist. After extensive tests, he diagnosed arachnoiditis, an inflammation of the tissues around the spinal nerves, probably caused either by the epidural or by other pain-killing injections given to her during labour.

He said that the condition was likely to be a permanent one. The pain has gradually eased, Mrs Dewhurst says. However, she is concerned that it took so long for the condition to be recognised.

"Their attitude was so dismissive. I knew where the pain was, I knew it was spinal-related. But I was just made to feel, 'We know best, you know nothing'."



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Briton bounces back from jungle crash in search for moths

BY NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

A BRITISH scientist has emerged unscathed after crashing his flying machine in a Sumatran jungle as he chased rare moths.

Charles Cockell's microlight, which uses the Dambusters technology of the second world war, hit the ground at 45mph in a remote rainforest, somersaulted three times and was destroyed.

Undaunted by the disaster, Mr Cockell has switched to elephant power as he searches for unrecorded species.

Mr Cockell, 26, a postgraduate student at Oxford University and leader of a ten-strong Anglo-Indonesian expedition, said yesterday: "I was very lucky to get out alive . . . just as I was about to hit the ground I managed to pull up the nose which may have been a factor in my survival."

The aircraft is known as the Barnes Wallis Moth Machine after the inventor of the bouncing bomb. As with the Lancasters of 617 squadron, it uses angled spotlights to verify its height over the rainforest.

The accident echoes the disaster that befell a British expedition to the region conducted by Sir Thomas Stamford Raffles, the founder of Singapore, in the nineteenth century. His ship, laden with specimens and drawings, sank off the Sumatran coast after an explosion involving a gunpowder keg.

The microlight crashed on August 19 after the engine failed and the right wing tipped, clipping an oil palm tree as Mr Cockell tried to reach a landing strip in a forest clearing south of Seblat, a village in the Bengkulu region.

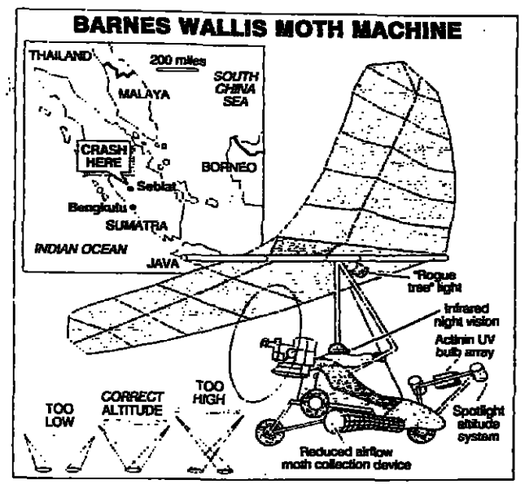
Three miles away, a truck used by two of his colleagues broke down at the same time. Edwina Ashton, 26, one of the expedition's illustrators, and Daniel Barker, 21, the project's botanist, donned night-sight goggles and walked for over an hour through a forest inhabited by elephants, tigers and snakes to reach the crash.

Mr Cockell spoke by telephone to *The Times* from Bengkulu town where the team has returned for provisions. He is working with staff from the Bogor Zoological Museum and Bogor Herbarium in Indonesia. They have commandeered a herd of trained elephants which they will use to return to the rainforest to collect more specimens during the last three weeks of the two-month expedition.

Mr Cockell admitted that the loss of the moth machine was a blow but said that the contraption had proved its worth as a means of collecting moths dancing over the canopy. Over a four-day period, up to ten flights were made in which species were gathered in a specially designed net slung underneath after being attracted by the machine's ultra violet bulbs.

Many other plant and animal specimens, collected from one of the world's most remote and unspoilt regions, have been gathered on the ground. The team is hoping to discover unknown species.

BARNES WALLIS MOTH MACHINE



12 hurt at fairground

BY RONALD FAUX

AN ENQUIRY began yesterday into an accident on a roller coaster at Blackpool Pleasure Beach in which 12 people were injured.

The Health and Safety Executive is examining a steel bar that sheared on Monday evening. The train split into two halves, which collided. Nine of the injured were taken to hospital with whiplash injuries, cuts and shock. All were later released.

The damaged car was replaced and the ride reopened. David Cam, secretary of the pleasure beach company, said: "We are professional passenger carriers dedicated to running rides and making them as safe as they possibly can be."



Lynn Redgrave, left, and Rita Tushingham who star in UK Hollywood, part of BBC2's autumn season

BBC highlights the Thatcher years

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE Thatcher era is to be remembered in a special season of programmes on BBC2 to coincide with the new session of Parliament in October. The week-long season, *After Maggie*, also coincides with publication of Baroness Thatcher's long-awaited memoirs and the screening of a four-part documentary on BBC 1, *Thatcher: The Downing Street Years*, in which the former prime minister gives her own candid assessment of John Major and other Tory colleagues.

Michael Jackson, controller of BBC2, said that the season had been a last-minute addition to the channel's £70 million autumn schedule. He denied that he was deliberately courting controversy with the season, but added that he was keen for BBC2 to become a forum for social and political debate.

The season contains a number of documentaries, including *Without Her*, a speculative programme which examines what might have happened if Margaret Thatcher had failed to win the 1979 general election. The BBC has "borrowed" the *Spitting Image* latex puppets from ITV for a spoof programme, *Thatcherworld PLC*, an exploration of Britain's newest theme park.

The new season sees the rerun of *Civilisation*, the documentary series by the writer Kenneth Clark, first shown in 1969, and repeats of the sixties puppet show *Captain Scarlet*.

Innovations include *Poems on the Box*, a series of 90-second poetry readings. BBC2 has also bought *Wild Palms*, a melodrama-cum-soap based on a comic strip in the New York fashion magazine *Details*. Set in 2007, it stars Jim Belushi and Angie Dickinson. In *UK Hollywood*, Lynn Redgrave and Rita Tushingham recount their experiences of the sixties film world.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Scorpion bites store worker

A supermarket worker suffered partial paralysis after he was bitten on the hand by a black scorpion in a bunch of bananas from Guatemala.

Phil Clifford was taken to North Tyneside Hospital as the scorpion, the length of a matchbox, was cornered by staff at the Safeway store in North Shields. Mr Clifford, 25, whose right arm swelled to twice its normal size, has since made a full recovery.

A Safeway spokeswoman said spiders and tree frogs were common in bananas, but this was the first case she knew of a scorpion. Normally, such creatures were killed in fumigation by suppliers.

Conman hunt

A conman who befriends pensioners before asking for loans is believed to have netted £150,000 over two years to fund his high living. Police say Gerald Knight, 45, is wanted in connection with over 30 deception cases across Britain.

Car suicides

The bodies of a man aged 30 and a woman aged 25 were found in a fume-filled car with their wrists slashed in woodland near Netherfield, East Sussex. Police were treating the deaths as suicide.

Crime call

PC Blake Carrington claims to have reduced crime on his Cambridge beat by 87 per cent by carrying a mobile phone, allowing him to keep in touch with informants with knowledge of local criminals.

Cat ordeal

The RSPCA is to prosecute two 14-year-old girls after a cat was dropped into warm tar at Ilkeston, Derbyshire, and stuck to a pavement. It was rescued by its owner.

Dead end

Longstanding residents are protesting at efforts by a building company to rename a road in Blackpool. Kensington Homes fear buyers may be put off living in Abattoir Road.

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Baku government claims mass desertions by separatist troops in the south

Azerbaijan leader says breakaway rebellion is beaten

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

HEIDAR Aliyev, Azerbaijan's acting president, claimed yesterday that the separatist uprising in the south of the country was over and that there had been mass desertion among the forces of Aliakram Gummatov, the rebel chief.

Mr Gummatov, whose forces had wrested control of several areas along the Iranian border, fled after the desertions. Mr Aliyev said that opposition troops had been giving themselves up in the districts round the Caspian Sea port of Lenkoran after angry demonstrators stormed the rebels' headquarters driving out Mr Gummatov and his bodyguards. Their whereabouts were unknown. He added that the frontier posts set up by Mr Gummatov's men between the rebels' self-proclaimed Talysh-Mugansk republic and the rest of Azerbaijan were still being defended.



"Many of Gummatov's soldiers are laying down their weapons and refusing to obey him," Mr Aliyev said in a television address, calculated to increase pressure on the rebel forces to surrender. "But there are still some people under his command."

There has been no comment on the alleged collapse of the rebellion from Mr Gummatov's supporters, who have failed to regain control of their headquarters in the Lenkoran local administration centre.

Violence broke out on Monday in the town when thousands of people gathered to protest at the rebels' plan to fortify the border of the Talysh-Mugansk region and separate the seven southernmost districts of Azerbaijan from the rest of the country. Three pro-Aliyev demonstrators died and the atmosphere in the town was reported to be tense yesterday.

The rebels seized control of the seven districts in June during the military uprising which brough Mr Aliyev, Azerbaijan's former Communist Party leader, back to power but have failed to consolidate local support. Government troops, under pressure from their Armenian enemies in the disputed enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh, have been unable to take back the region.



Armenian forces have strengthened their hold on Nagorno-Karabakh, forcing Azerbaijanis to leave the area

Azerbaijan forces pulled out of the key town of Fizuli on Monday in another victory for the Armenians. The development followed the fall of Agdam further north and brings the Armenians closer to their goal of cutting off Azerbaijan's southwest corner.

☐ **Coalition force:** Defence ministers of the Commonwealth of Independent States agreed yesterday to set up coalition forces to tackle Islamic rebels in south Tajikistan, Interfax reported. The forces, under a Russian commander, would have units from Russia, Kirghizia, Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan as well as Tajiks. *(Reuter)*

NEWS IN BRIEF

France to promote new ideas on Gatt

Dresden: Alain Juppé, the French foreign minister, said yesterday that Edouard Balladur, the prime minister, would present Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, with new ideas to break the deadlock at the Gatt trade talks.

He said France remained opposed to an EC-US deal known as the Blair House agreement to reduce subsidised agricultural exports. After a meeting with Klaus Kinkel, the German foreign minister, he said that M Balladur would propose modifications and reinterpretations of the agreement when he meets Herr Kohl tomorrow.

Herr Kinkel said Germany was still interested in maintaining the Blair House agreement as it stands. He said Bonn and Paris would consult extensively in preparation for a September 20 meeting of European Community foreign and agriculture ministers so that a common position could be worked out. *(Reuter)*

Anti-graft post

New York: Boutros Boutros Ghali, the United Nations secretary-general, has appointed a fellow Egyptian, Mohamed Aly Niazi, to a new high-level post responsible for rooting out corruption in the UN.

Suspects held

Stockholm: Police have detained three Russians and a Swede on suspicion of planning to kidnap industrialist Peter Wallenberg, 67, a relative of Raoul Wallenberg, the war hero who died in a Moscow prison. *(Reuter)*

Paris blockade

Paris: French farmers plan a tractor blockade of all rail and road routes to Paris on September 15 to drive home to the government the strength of their opposition to reform of the EC's common agricultural policy. *(AFP)*

Yen for travel



Tokyo: Emperor Akihito, above, of Japan and Empress Michiko's trip to Europe next month will cost 197 million yen (£1.3 million). About 80 million yen would go on gifts and "social expenses". *(AFP)*

Grapes of wrath

Sydney: The wine industry here is to fight tax increases that it says will force 140 wineries to close. *Reuter)*

Bonn MPs' illusions shattered

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

A NEW design flaw has been discovered in Germany's accident-prone new parliament building: the grand, mirrored ceiling could cave in and spray the deputies with shards of glass.

The one consolation for deputies yesterday was that their fate would come silently. The acoustics of the new chamber are such that no politician can hear anybody else, let alone the cracking of glass above their heads.

The safety problem was discovered by experts from the construction ministry who stressed that there was no immediate danger. "Even so," said the official communiqué, "the glass mirrored panels have been removed pending new tests." Either the wrong material was used or it was put together incorrectly, said German engineers yesterday.

When the chamber was first unveiled many deputies believed they had entered the space age, or at least Club Class democracy. The deputies' chairs could be adjusted backwards at critical moments. On the console in front of every deputy a flashing light was to signal that it was time to make a speech.

Computer-directed microphones would immediately identify the position of the speaker. But from the first day nobody could hear anything. Lack of co-ordination between the government, the architects and the audio specialists meant that debates ended up a jumble of noise. The glass walls of the round chamber bounce back the sound with confusing effect.

Macho empire strikes back

BY ANNE MCELVOY

Russia's much-maligned macho men have had enough. It was bad enough when their partners at home failed to appreciate them enthusiastically enough: how much worse to discover that their irresistible appeal is also scorned in the wider world. Now the male empire is getting ready to strike back — as soon as it stops sulking.

The six million readers of Russia's biggest-selling newspaper, the weekly *Argumenti i Fakti*, are being treated to a battle royal over the merits and faults of the Motherland's men and the old enemy, women. The debate has unleashed a postbag as large and opinionated as in the journal's glory days as a mirror of Mikhail Gorbachev's glasnost.

This week's instalment is a deconstruction of foreign women by A. Mitroshkov from Obminsk. "Western women are less attractive than ours despite having more opportunities to look after themselves. They are also capricious, too ambitious and very unpleasant to socialise with," he writes.

Mr Mitroshkov travelled to Europe recently to continue his research and returned thoroughly disgruntled. "Studying thoroughly the body of the 'sex-symbol' Madonna in Western sex magazines, I felt nothing but pity for her and her partners. I have never felt this way about any Russian woman."

All this started when a woman, a Westerner at that, dared to slight Russian men. Barbara Smith, an American sociology postgraduate who had just finished a research stint in Moscow submitted an essay to the newspaper reflecting on attitudes to women and sex among young males.

She reproduced some typical reflections on love Russian-style with one of her interviewees boasting: "I like to have sex in the same way I drink vodka — pure, fast and all in one go." She deduced from her female acquaintances that women were dissatisfied with this no-nonsense approach. This was exemplified by one of her female respondents, who told her: "Nothing functions properly and completely in this country, and that includes our soon-to-be former husbands."

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UK envoy makes retaliatory strike on German press

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

■ With France and Germany seeking to co-ordinate their Balkan policy, Britain's ambassador to Bonn has launched a forceful defence of London's view

BRITAIN yesterday took up the cudgels against the German press in an unusually public Anglo-German spat over Balkan policy.

Sir Nigel Broomfield, Britain's ambassador to Bonn, said he was "amazed" by the aggressive tone of German commentaries on British involvement in Bosnia. German analysts, some of them close to the governing Christian Democratic Union, have been accusing Britain of ganging up with France to restrict German influence in southeast Europe.

"London's attitude in the Bosnian conflict must lead to the rewarding of the aggressor and the punishment of the victim," said a typical recent commentary. Bonn, or those journalists who closely mirror government thinking, is particularly irritated by the Operation Irma mercy flight and the suggestion that Britain is doing more than Germany to help the people of Bosnia; Germany has taken 300,000 refugees from the war zone.

The ambassador's riposte in *Die Welt*, itself a harsh critic of Whitehall, catalogued Britain's achievements in Bosnia: 2,500 troops on the ground, 50,000 tonnes of aid escorted, another 40,000 tonnes delivered. "Those commentaries that claim we intend to support the aggressor in the conflict are not remotely in tune with Britain's real policies or its real intentions," he said, in as close to a thundering conclusion as any senior diplomat *in situ* can manage. His article was clearly authorised by the Foreign Office.

The argument, studiously aimed at German journalists rather than those officials who have been guiding and informing them, is not in the same league as Nicholas Ridley's notorious interview with *The Spectator*. That has been etched in the German consciousness and, indeed, has become the subject of doctoral theses on turning points in Anglo-German relations.

But the ambassador's intervention is important for its timing. France and Germany are just embarking on an intensive reconciliation after months of political combat. Their foreign ministers met yesterday and Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, and Edouard Balladur, the French prime minister, will do so tomorrow.

Yet the fundamental differences between Paris and Bonn are as deep as ever on such matters as free trade and European interest rates. There is, however, scope for narrowing their differences on the Balkans. The French were stunned at the Copenhagen summit when Herr Kohl read out a letter from President Clinton urging the arming of the Bosnian Muslims.



Sir Nigel: close to a thundering conclusion

While the French are almost as reluctant as the British to end the United Nations arms embargo, they do agree with Bonn on the need to refocus European Balkan policy to concentrate on protecting and saving the Muslims. That may just leave Britain isolated, the chief scapegoat for the European Community's sluggish military posture.

Sir Nigel's article, a courtly defence rather than an anti-German torpedo, is intended to position Britain correctly in a time of shifting European alignment. He emphasised that the German press was missing the point with its anti-British rhetoric.

Britain's policy in Bosnia was aligned with that of the EC and the difference, he hinted, was rather between those in the Community who were doing something on the ground and those who were not. "It is easy to criticise. But anyone involved in a situation such as Bosnia quickly grasps that he must make difficult decisions. That is the way of things when one takes on responsibility."

□ **Pale:** Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, said yesterday that there would be no further peace negotiations if Bosnia's mainly Muslim parliament rejected the latest Geneva proposal. He also suggested that his forces would then solve the dispute by force (Joel Brand writes).

Haris Silajdzic, the Bosnian foreign minister, said it was unlikely the current proposal would be approved by the parliament at its meeting in Sarajevo on Friday. "The latest proposal from Geneva needs considerable adjustments to be accepted. A mere glance at the map shows that the future Bosnian republic is not viable economically or politically," he said.

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A UN soldier looks on as an injured Sarajevo man holds his daughter. Both have been accepted for treatment overseas

'Forgotten' Croats condemn West as Muslims prepare new offensive

BY RICHARD BEESTON

WHEN a Muslim sniper hidden in the woods above the British base at Vitez picked off Father Vinko Trogrlic as he set off for work at the makeshift hospital in the Bosnian Croat village of Nova Bila, the elderly priest knew there was little the doctors would be able to do for him.

Groaning in agony from the bullet, which entered his right temple and lodged in his sinus, the Catholic priest registered no surprise when the surgeon told him that they would have to leave the bullet where it was. The field hospital at the Holy Ghost church in Nova Bila is the most potent symbol of the worsening position of the 75,000 Croats in central Bosnia-Herzegovina who are surrounded by Muslim forces.

"We used to be able to go to the hospitals at Travnik and Zenica, but now we are reduced to this," said Dr Branislav Kulis, whose staff of three surgeons struggles to cope with the daily influx of civilian and military casualties. The poorly-equipped intensive care unit, located in an old seminary hall, is packed with people suffering severe bullet and shrapnel wounds. Three of the beds are taken up with a mother and her three children, who were all injured by a single mortar shell.

"We have tried to tell the world about our problems, but they do not want to listen," said the doctor, who holds out little hope that the 12 serious war casualties awaiting medical evacuation will receive the treatment they require abroad. "Our conditions are as bad, if not worse than Muslims in Sarajevo or Mostar, but nobody cares."

The same view is expressed throughout the remaining Croat villages in the Lasva Valley, where the community feels deceived by its own leadership but also resentful at what it regards as the international community's double standards. Father Zoran Livancic, the spiritual leader of the Croats in the Vitez area, said 20,000 civilians had been made refugees by the Muslim offensive.

Of even greater concern is the speculation that the Muslims will attempt a fresh offensive in central Bosnia, at Gornji Vakuf and in the Lasva Valley, in an attempt to strengthen their negotiating position ahead of the resumption of peace talks at Geneva on Monday. The wording of the latest agreement was deliberately ambiguous about the contested Croat-Muslim areas, an apparent invitation to the area's warlords to make a final grab for land.

"What we are witnessing is a cultural massacre of our heritage," said Fr Lilvancic. "Let the world protect the Muslims, but let them also protect the Croats."

British hospitals discharge wounded

BY BILL FROST

STILL disorientated and traumatised by the suffering they endured, four wounded Bosnian men airlifted from Sarajevo were discharged from hospitals in Britain yesterday to begin the lengthy process of recuperation.

They expressed gratitude to Britain for their flight to safety and subsequent treatment but reminded the world that thousands of others across Bosnia-Herzegovina were still suffering and in need of help.

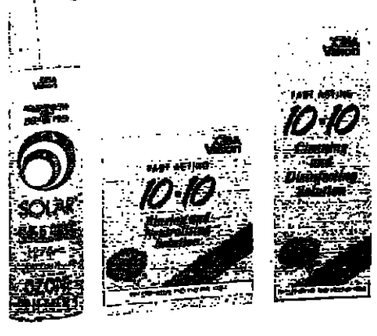
Dino Dugonjic, who was discharged from the Radcliffe Infirmary in Oxford, described himself as "lucky man". The 27-year-old former dental technician, heavily bandaged, said through an interpreter: "I am happy but I am also sorry because many people back home are hurt much worse and they are still there and they are not being treated as they should be."

His friend Senad Mirvic, 27, was yesterday transferred to another Oxford hospital for further dental treatment. Both men suffered severe facial injuries after they were caught in a mortar bomb blast. They were flown to Britian with 19 other adults and children ten days ago. Two of the four men being treated at St James's Hospital, Leeds, were discharged yesterday.

Five-year-old Irma Hadzimuratovic, whose suffering inspired the airlift, was "slowly getting better", according to staff at Great Ormond Street Hospital.

Rome: Two planes carrying 19 sick and injured Bosnians arrived at Falconara air base yesterday at the start of an airlift that could bring more than 450 war victims to Italy for hospital treatment.

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Defections unlikely to weaken grip of Saddam

■ The envoys who defied Saddam were not part of his inner circle and are unlikely to possess any secrets. The worry for Baghdad is that more defections may follow

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

THE defection of two senior Iraqi diplomats is an embarrassment to the discredited regime in Baghdad, indicating a profound malaise in the Iraqi establishment, and could lead to further defections. It is not, however, likely to weaken President Saddam Hussein's grip on power, Iraqi exiles said yesterday.

Although Hisham al-Shawi and Hamed al-Jubouri, the ambassadors to Canada and Tunisia, came from prominent families, they were not part of Saddam's inner circle and had no power base in Iraq to challenge the president, the exiles said. They have been out of Iraq for several years and were unlikely to have technical information that would reveal how much Saddam has complied with United Nations demands to scrap weapons of mass destruction or whether he still has nuclear ambitions. Their knowledge, however, could held give a clearer picture of Iraq after three years of trade sanctions.

"I wish I could say it will shake the regime, but it won't make any dent," said Saad Jabr, leader of the Free Iraqi Council, in London. "These guys are just pawns."

Iraqi opposition groups said that other diplomats were keen to defect but were unable to while their families were in the Iraqi capital and vulnerable to Saddam's revenge.

Baghdad sought to play down the defections, claiming that the envoys left the foreign service last month after reaching the retirement age of 63. "They have been relieved of their duties and no longer represent the Iraqi government," said an official at the Iraqi embassy in Jordan.

Mr al-Shawi, an Oxford graduate and former justice minister and ambassador to Britain, comes from a prominent family in Baghdad. Mr al-Jubouri, who served as foreign minister during the 1980s, was closer to leading political circles. He comes from a large, mainly Sunni Muslim tribe in western Iraq whose influences extend southwards into the more restive Shia areas. The tribe supported Saddam's regime in the past and many of its members were senior officers in the Republican Guard, but its power was smashed several months ago when it was accused of plotting a coup. Many of its members were arrested and others fled to Kurdish-controlled northern Iraq, while several were allegedly poisoned by Saddam's intelligence agents.

Analysts and exiles doubted that the two defectors could have detailed knowledge of Saddam's attempts to rearm after the Gulf war. "They don't let ambassadors have any information. These guys are more or less figureheads," Mr Jabr said.

One Iraqi exile, whose family is still in Baghdad, said: "It is embarrassing for Saddam, and the defections will have alarmed the civil service, but he will laugh it off. It's more of a boost to the Iraqi opposition, whose credibility has been suffering because of internal rifts."



Saddam: likely to laugh off show of opposition

Iraqis defect, page 1



The government is bringing hope to the overcrowded and rubbish-strewn slums of Cairo by installing new water supplies and sewers

Governor with the popular touch keeps Cairo shanty towns free of extremists

*New facilities and bureaucracy with a human face are thwarting Islamic militants in the slums of Egypt's capital, **Michael Binyon** writes*

He was dressed almost in rags, prematurely old, his matted hair and beard full of the dust of the slums, carrying a child limp as a rag doll with another holding on to his legs. "I don't have anywhere to live," he told the governor. "I need a flat."

Abdel-Rahman Shahateh, trim in a blue safari suit, looked up from his desk. "How many children do you have?" "Five." "Any work?" "No." He looked at the acompanying document, circled a couple of sentences in red and handed it to a waiting official. "OK, I'll see what we can do."

The door opened on to a hubbub in the courtyard outside as about a hundred people, clutching petitions, jostled to take their complaint directly to the man charged with running Giza, the sprawling five-million strong suburb of western Cairo that includes not only the Pyramids and the Sphinx but also many of the festering shanties where migrants from the countryside flock in search of work.

The next one came in: an older man in a scruffy white gallabiya, stubble covering his grizzled face, the instinctive pleading subservience emboldened by the urgency of his case. "You must help me, governor. The Prophet's blessing upon you. I need . . ." he rambled on, taking off his skullcap and gesticulating, tears usefully springing to his eyes, appealing to the clerk and the assistant nearby and finally making everyone roar with laughter at his clowning.

And so they came, one after another, each getting the governor's promise to cut through the red tape, sort out an abuse, put in a word for a flat, a job, an urgent medical operation, a licence that had been arbitrarily withheld. They had about 40 seconds to make their case and hand in typed petitions that mandated the relevant local authority to report back to the governor's office. Each week, for two hours, Dr Shahateh hears their cases.

Yesterday he had to hurry away afterwards. In Imbaba, a teeming shanty town where over 600,000 people are packed into two sqaure kilometres of narrow alleys and half-built tenements, the minister of housing and the head of Cairo's water authority were arriving for a ceremony to mark the start of construction work to expand the water purification plant nearby.

Imbaba certainly needs fresh water. It also needs drains, roads, electricity, schools, medical centres and youth clubs. "We have to do all these things in parallel," explained Dr Shahateh, a Minnesota-trained agriculturalist.

For 30 years Imbaba had been neglected by public services. Suddenly there has been action, spurred on perhaps by recognition that this is the classic breeding-ground for discontent, territory that would-be militants have been trying to radicalise, so far with very little success. In the past year the main roads have been paved, piped water and sewers supplied to every block, rubbish collection instituted and about £10 million of foreign aid funds spent on infrastructure.

The pride of Imbaba is its new youth club, built over a covered canal. The governor and his deputy were shown round and the impromptu visit continued through the market. The governor exudes the charisma of a popular leader as he banters with stall-holders and, with the capriciousness of the Oriental potentate, grants a licence on the spot for a legless man in a chair to open his own stall.

Politics here is as much about keeping in touch, being seen and explaining new proposals as it is about funding the transformation of these urban infernos. "People are willing to wait if they believe the authorities are listening," Dr Shahateh said. "I try to come here at least once every two weeks."

"You see," a young man called out as we drove off, "no terrorism here." In the battle for control of Egypt's exploding cities, men such as Dr Shahateh have clearly seized the initiative.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Babangida postpones handover of power

Abuja: President Babangida, Nigeria's military leader, will formally give up the presidency tomorrow and an interim government will be immediately sworn in, his spokesman said here.

The senate approved the transfer of political power to an interim government on Monday night, but scuffles broke out in the lower house of parliament yesterday when it began debating the issue. Opposition groups represented in the Campaign for Democracy coalition plan three days of rallies from today to protest about his refusal to give power to the presumed winner of last June's presidential polls. *(AFP)*

Hostage talks

Quilali: The archbishop of Managua travelled to this remote northern village to try to negotiate with José Angel Talavera, the guerrilla leader holding 18 hostages. Government troops had begun withdrawing from the area, which was a condition for any talks. *(Reuter)*

No to summit

Johannesburg: A peace summit proposed by Nelson Mandela, president of the African National Congress, King Hassan of Morocco, and President Houphouët-Boigny of Ivory Coast to try to end civil war in Angola has been rejected by Luanda.

Fighter dispute

Buenos Aires: Argentine government officials have protested over alleged British diplomatic pressure to stall the sale of 36 Skyhawk fighter aircraft from America. The Foreign Office denied that it was trying to prevent the sale.

Beirut welcome

Beirut: Lebanon, which is seeking aid for its reconstruction work, welcomed Shaikh Jaber Ahmed al-Sabah, the Emir of Kuwait, here. It is the first visit to the capital by a Gulf leader since before the 1975-90 civil war. *(Reuter)*

Jordan soiled

Jerusalem: Raw sewage in the Jordan has raised bacteria levels to 2.5 times the permitted level for bathing, Israel's Nature Reserves Authority said. There will be more tests before a decision is taken on a swimming ban. *(AFP)*

Kisses sweeten Indian television

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

INDIAN independence day last week marked the launch of five new government-controlled television channels. Under present plans, audiences will soon see such films as *The Naked Truth* and *Carry on Loving*, which would bring kissing to official Indian screens for the first time. The television boom is an attempt by the government to regain audiences from foreign satellite stations and to shield them from corruption worse than mere kissing.

With that in mind, K.P. Singh Deo, minister of state for information and broadcasting, has introduced a bill in parliament designed to counter what he calls a cultural invasion of Western and "alien" programmes. The proposed legislation is aimed at censoring tens of thousands of neighbourhood cable operators who do brisk business in every corner of urban India by relaying foreign programmes to local subscribers. The bill would prevent them sending out anything that violates the government's programme code, which has always kept Indian television so innocent.

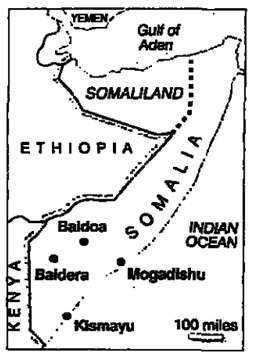
That would sound the death knell for even the most timid foreign programmes. *Neighbours*, which has crept on to screens of late, would probably violate the guidelines. *The Bold and the Beautiful* definitely would.

The information and broadcasting ministry says cable operators will be obliged to broadcast at least one of the new channels without interruption. The entertainment channel is bound to be most popular. Least popular will be the "enrichment channel", with programmes on the glories of Indian history.

The planned censorship legislation is being studied by a parliamentary standing committee and there is little doubt that it will undergo significant amendment under pressure from opposition parties. The government's real objective is to preserve its broadcasting monopoly and control of news programmes.

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Aid workers threatened in Somalia



FROM SAM KILEY IN MOGADISHU AND IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

VIOLENCE and insecurity in which 35 United Nations troops have been killed since June has spread to the inland Somali town of Baidera, where aid workers have been threatened with grenade attacks if they do not leave by the end of the week.

The news of the threats in Baidera came yesterday as the UN was preparing to have talks with representatives of the Somali National Alliance, led by General Muhammad Farrah Aidid, the fugitive warlord. At the same time in Washington, it was announced that President Clinton had decided to send 400 commandos to Somalia to join the hunt for General Aidid.

The new contingent will be US Army Rangers, an elite force of light infantry paratroops who specialise in stealthy, unconventional warfare. They will be attached to 1,200 American troops already in Somalia as a quick-reaction force under US command.

In addition, there are about 4,000 American support troops under UN command. Mr Clinton made his decision after a lorry carrying US support troops was blown up in Mogadishu at the weekend, injuring six of them, none seriously.

Food is plentiful in the Somali capital, where Care, the international agency, has switched from free food to swapping bags of maize for sacks of rubbish. In contrast, Baidera still teeters on the brink of famine.

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Trials in three cities stoke fires of American race hatred



Watson: accused of beating white driver during riots

*Court cases arising from ugly incidents of violence are fuelling black suspicions that US justice is biased, **Ben Macintyre** writes*

THREE trials in three quite different American cities, but on similarly ugly themes, have sent the country's racial temperature soaring again amid charges of discrimination and widespread distrust of the judicial system within the black community.

In Los Angeles, two black men are accused of attempting to murder Reginald Denny, a white lorry driver; on Monday a Detroit jury found two white policemen guilty of beating a black motorist to death; and in West Palm Beach, Florida, this week the trial began of two white men charged with setting a black tourist on fire on New Year's day. Each of these trials may end without further bloodshed. But it is equally possible that any, or all of them, could reignite the racial violence that smoulders just beneath the surface of urban American society.

This is the lasting legacy of the Los Angeles riots, which erupted in April 1992 after a jury found four white police officers not guilty of most charges in the beating of black motorist Rodney King. That trial and a subsequent civil rights trial in which two of the accused officers received lenient sentences have left many blacks with a deep suspicion of the legal system, while leaving the police and civil authorities with an equally acute awareness of the way perceived injustice can turn, within hours, into arson, looting and murder.

The Reginald Denny trial in Los Angeles is perhaps the most volatile of the three cases. Like the Rodney King beating before it, the assault on Mr Denny was captured on videotape as he was pulled from his lorry and battered into a coma at the height of the riots. Damian "Football" Williams, 20, and Henry "Kiki" Watson, 28, are accused of a string of felonies in addition to the attempted murder of Mr Denny. To many whites in Los Angeles, they are living proof of the mindless criminal brutality that swept the city during three days in April 1992.

"Mr Williams danced with glee around Mr Denny, joyfully cavorting over what he had done," the state prosecutor alleged in his opening arguments. But for many blacks the defendants are victims of a biased and unfeeling legal system. Mr Williams and Mr Watson face life imprisonment, while the two policemen found guilty of violating Rodney King's civil rights were sentenced to just 30 months each.

Testimony in the Denny trial started on Monday, and the judge has warned the jury to assess the evidence in specific rather than symbolic terms, and not to "even the score" for the King verdicts. "We are not here to try the Los Angeles riots," said Lawrence Morrison, the state prosecutor.

A similar symbolism has overshadowed the trial of three white policemen in Detroit, accused in the fatal beating of Malice Green, a black unemployed steel worker. Mr Green, 35, was stopped by police on November 5 last year. The officers claim they thought he was holding "crack" cocaine in his clenched fist and tried to make him drop it. A post-mortem examination showed that Mr Green died from at least 14 blows to the head before he dropped the bunch of keys in his hand, although defence lawyers argued that cocaine in his system contributed to his death.

On Monday two of the officers were found guilty of second-degree murder and now face life imprisonment, while the judge acquitted the third defendant.

In Detroit, which is nearly 80 per cent black, the trial was seen as simply another, fatal version of the Rodney King case. The convicted officers were released on bail pending sentencing on October 12. With the light sentences in the King trial still fresh in the memory, those sentences may prove the next flashpoint.

Raw racial hatred is perhaps most evident in the third trial, which opened on the day the Detroit trial ended, of two white men charged with the attempted murder, robbery and kidnapping of Christopher Wilson, a black 32-year-old stockbroker's clerk from Brooklyn. Mr Wilson was on holiday in Tampa, Florida, when he was abducted from a shopping centre, forced to drive to a remote field, doused with petrol and set ablaze while his attackers shouted racial slurs. He was burnt over 40 per cent of his body. A note, signed "KKK", was left at the scene which read: "One les [sic] nigger more to go."

The trial of Mark Kohut, 26, and Charles Rourk, 33, was initially set to take place in Tampa, but was moved to West Palm Beach, 225 miles away, after intense media coverage and mounting fears of racial unrest.

Each of the three highly-charged cases involves complex legal distinctions, but in the public mind the issues have been boiled down to a handful of simple but contradictory beliefs: good against evil, black versus white.

The crushed face of a lorry driver, a black man dancing in the street, the corpse of another black man who refused to open his hand for white cops and an illiterate little note signed "KKK" — these are the grim images that have settled, sourly and permanently, in the public mind. It is these that will decide whether America's suppressed racial fury erupts on to the streets again.

Internal troubles force Peking to risk world's wrath

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

■ **The West is worried by the crackdown on Chinese dissidents. Yet with unrest growing, no would-be successor to Deng Xiaoping can afford to appease foreigners**

WITH a decision only weeks away on whether the Chinese should be awarded the Olympic Games in 2000, and Washington considering if China should continue to enjoy most favoured nation trading status next year, why is Peking creating the worst possible international impression? Or, to use a Chinese expression, why are China's leaders dropping rocks on their own feet?

During the past week alone China has been publicly criticised at the highest levels by the British, American, and Hong Kong governments for infringements of its people's human rights. And it has been explicitly warned that, by breaking international law, it is imperilling its international standing. Moreover, the Chinese bureaucracy is still obstructing the issuing of visas for several British correspondents appointed to Peking.

The immediate Western concern is Peking's ejection last week of Han Dongfang, the leader of the free trade union movement in China and a Tiananmen Square activist who, after 22 months in prison, had been permitted to travel to America for medical treatment and assured that he would be able to return to China. But when he attempted to do so ten days ago he was arrested and pushed across the border into Hong Kong. Soon afterwards his passport was cancelled.

The US State Department has stated that both China's candidacy for the Olympics and its most favoured nation status are now in doubt. The Foreign Office has objected to Ma Yuzhen, Peking's ambassador to Britain, and in Hong Kong Sir David Ford, the acting governor, has pointed out that, in the run-up to the 1997 takeover of Hong Kong, local people now worry that Peking could in effect banish those in the colony whose political views it dislikes.

Even Peking's supporters here are finding it difficult to justify the persecution of Mr Han. Members of the panel of Hong Kong "advisers", appointed by China as its loyal supporters here, are asking why, if Mr Han is a criminal, as China alleges, he was not tried instead of being ejected.

China is now racked by economic upheavals, so badly that a member of the British negotiating team on the handover wondered publicly last week if there was any point in continuing the talks. But it is precisely because of its internal difficulties that China has embarked on the series of actions which is bringing it into deeper international disrepute.

Historically, when there is an internal crisis the Communist Party cracks down, primarily to suppress its fear of *dunluan* (great chaos). No contender for supreme power after Deng Xiaoping, the paramount leader, dies can afford to be accused of having yielded to foreigners. That explains why, in the speeches launching the great anti-corruption movement last week, foreign influences were underlined as a chief cause of the national crisis.

This is also a time when those opposed to Mr Deng's economic reforms encourage internal toughness and stricter discipline. Hence the escalation of dissident arrests during recent months.

As the well-informed local newspaper *Economic Daily* pointed out yesterday, the persecution of Mr Han must be understood in the context of China's negotiating position on the so-called "through train". This means that Legislative Council members elected in 1995 would continue in office after China resumes sovereignty in 1997. Peking insists it alone will decide who remains on the council.



Han: his treatment has upset China's friends

☐ **Manama, Bahrain:** A Chinese ship suspected of carrying chemical weapons materials to Iran headed for Saudi Arabia yesterday after China agreed to allow it to be searched. Lieutenant Commander Bruce Cole, spokesman for US Naval Forces Central Command, based in the Gulf, said the 19,000-ton *Yinhe* sailed through the Strait of Hormuz shadowed by the US Navy destroyer *Chandler*.

The *Yinhe* had been bound for Dubai, where its cargo was to have been transferred to another ship sailing for Iran. But Dubai refused to let it dock on the strength of US intelligence reports that its cargo included chemicals used in mustard gas, nerve gas and blistering agents. *(AP)*



Ruffa Gutierrez, an actress and the Philippines entry in the Miss World contest in South Africa in November, fighting back her tears at a senate hearing in Manila at which she denied accepting $700,000 (£465,000) to have sex with a member of Brunei's royal family. She demanded an apology from Senator Ernesto Maceda, who alleged that local beauties had worked as prostitutes in the South-East Asian sultanate (Reuter reports). "It's not true that I have gone to Brunei for prostitution or for any other purpose," Miss Gutierrez told a senate committee investigating claims by Mr Maceda that some popular actresses were among the so-called "Brunei beauties".

Nasa tries to rescue mission and reputation

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

NASA engineers were engaged in a frantic effort yesterday to save the $1 billion (£662 million) Observer spacecraft mission to Mars, and with it their scientific reputation and possibly the future of Nasa.

Only a few hours before the spacecraft was due to enter the orbit of the red planet, the engineers at the jet propulsion laboratory in Pasadena, California, still had little hope of re-establishing contact, which they lost early on Sunday. If they failed, Observer would drift in space with little chance of being recovered.

Engineers think the reason for the loss of communications was a faulty clock on board the spacecraft. A Pasadena scientist said a crude analogy was that of an electric alarm clock which suffered a temporary power cut and thus destroyed its settings. Efforts were under way yesterday to make the spacecraft switch to a back-up clock and to redirect its antennae towards Earth, but by the afternoon each effort had failed. The consequence of failure, said Glenn Cunningham, the project manager, "would be a great blow to the planetary science community".

Observer was Nasa's first foray to Mars since Viking took photographs of the planet's surface in 1976. Failure to re-establish communication with Observer would be another setback to Nasa's poor record since the Challenger shuttle disaster in 1986.

Its failures have deeply affected Americans' attitudes about the wisdom of spending $1 billion for a set of colour pictures from Mars. The value of such expenditure is disputed not only by liberals in Congress, who argue that it is unjustified in times of a squeeze on social programmes, but also within the science community, which questions whether such funds would not be better made available to other endeavours, such as genetic and medical research.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Korean tells of reactor disaster

Seoul: Hundreds of engineers died in an accident while trying to move a North Korean nuclear reactor to hide it from international inspectors in 1992, a former North Korean army officer alleged yesterday. Im Yong Sun, who defected to South Korea last month, said the accident took place at Yongbyon, 55 miles north of Pyongyang.

Mr Im, who is the first North Korean officer to defect to the South since 1989, said he did not know the number of victims or whether they died from an explosion or radiation exposure. *(AFP)*

Killer gassed

San Quentin: David Mason, who killed four elderly Oakland residents and strangled his prison cellmate, died in the gas chamber here, the second person to be executed in California since it resumed executions last year. *(Reuter)*

Leader agreed

Port-au-Prince: Haiti's chamber of deputies ratified exiled President Aristide's choice for prime minister, Robert Malval, furthering the implementation of a UN-brokered plan to return Father Aristide to power in October. *(Reuter)*

Execution delay

Port of Spain: Two killers due to be executed in Trinidad were granted a stay for a constitutional motion to be decided. A presidential commission recommended execution for brutal murders. *(Reuter)*

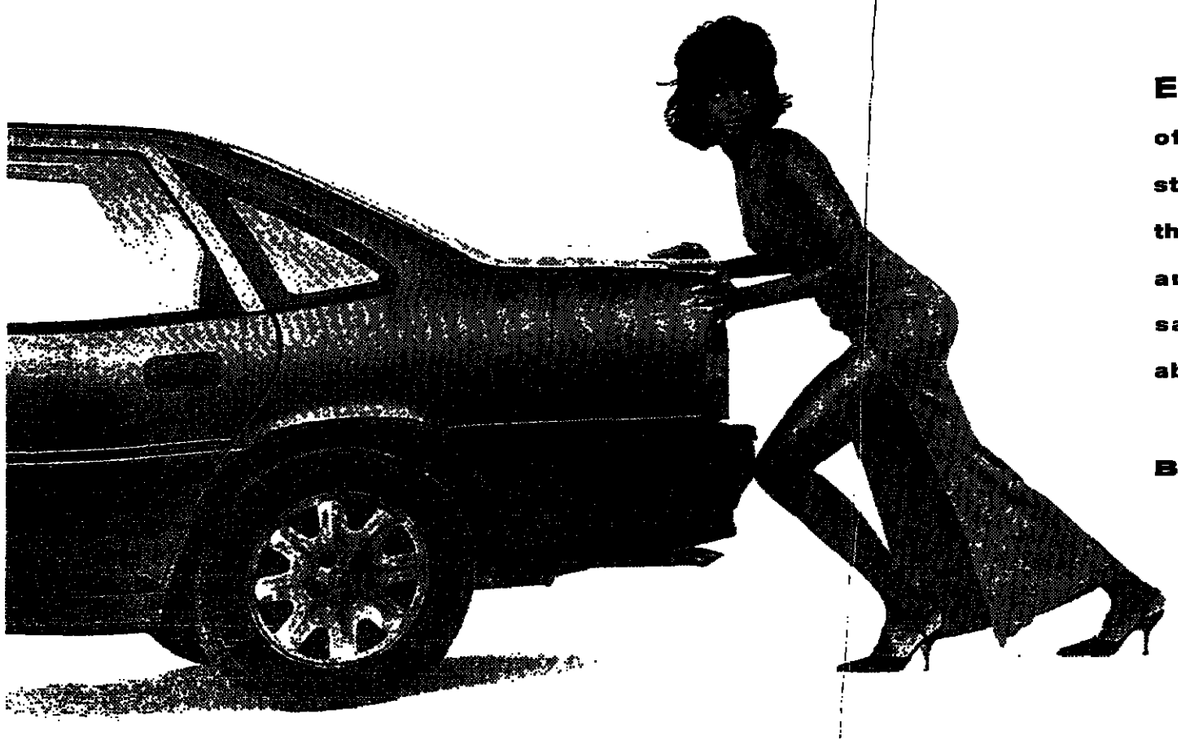
Teresa better

Delhi: Mother Teresa, who is recovering from malaria, is making good progress, a bulletin from the hospital said. The Nobel Peace Prize winner will be 83 on Friday. *(Reuter)*

Pastor sacked

San Francisco: A Baptist pastor has been sacked from a human rights group because he believed in a Bible passage saying homosexuals should be stoned to death. *(Reuter)*

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Julia Llewellyn Smith tells of a mother who lost her babies because social workers would not listen

Abuses of the state



An artist's impression of the trauma suffered by Helen and David as they see their children being taken into care because social services had labelled them a 'bad risk'

Helen appears to have a happy family. Her husband, David, is a gentle, friendly man; their three young children are affectionate, healthy and well-behaved. But Helen is racked with anxiety, as every day she has to confront the fear that her children may be taken away from her.

Her anxiety is very real. Helen is only 33, but she has already had six children taken into care by social workers, who have marked her as a "bad mother". Her first two daughters with David were removed when they were only two days and three weeks old.

To social workers, the systematic removal of Helen's children seems logical. She had been brought up in care because of physical and sexual abuse by her father and stepfather and seemed doomed to repeat a pattern of unhappy relationships. By the time she was 24, Helen had had four children by four different men, the last of whom used to steal her social security money and kick her in the head, causing her to suffer blackouts.

Eventually, she escaped with the children to a women's refuge. One night when Helen had gone out, leaving the children in the care of another resident, there was an accident and the children were taken to hospital. Helen was labelled a neglectful mother, her children were taken into care and she never saw them again.

Helen was devastated by the loss but admits that problems with her husband had made bringing up children difficult. Soon afterwards, however, things began to improve. She met David, a dependable, loving man, and after six months they decided to live together. A year later, their daughter Claudia was born.

For three weeks, Helen was at home with Claudia. Then one afternoon, when David was out, three policemen and a social worker knocked at the front door. They announced that they had come to take Claudia away, with no reason given for her removal.

The couple later discovered that the social services department had called a case conference when Claudia was only a few days old and had decided to remove her without prior advice to her parents. Throughout the conference Claudia was referred to by the name of Helen's ex-husband, whom she had left years before. No attempt was made to find out about Helen's new relationship, although officials had known of her pregnancy three months before.

Over the next six months, Helen and David met with social workers and saw Claudia during access visits, when they noted, with sorrow, that she was drawing away from them. Their only hope was a High Court hearing to decide Claudia's future. In the event the judge gave credence to the statement of a neighbour who claimed that the couple had a violent relationship. The court ordered that Claudia, now eight months old, be put up for adoption. Since then social services have described the neighbour as unreliable and her evidence as "unfounded and mean".

A year-and-a-half later Helen had another daughter, Anna. Even now, six years later, Helen starts to cry as she remembers the brief period she spent with this child. "I was in hospital waiting for David to take me home. I was a bit tired because it had been a hard birth, and nervous because of all I'd been through before," she says. "Then a nurse came over and said Anna needed to be taken away for injections. I wasn't happy because I knew she'd had all the injections she needed, but I said yes. Then a doctor came and said I would have to stay in hospital a little longer, because my uterus was in the wrong place. It was the first I'd heard of this and I was sure he was lying, but there was nothing I could do. I looked around and realised that they had taken the other women off the ward. I began to tremble."

In panic, Helen called her solicitor. "I'm sorry," he said. "They are coming to take Anna away and I can't stop them." As he spoke a group of social workers arrived with the police. David was there too. "I said to David 'Take the baby and run' but he wouldn't. He does everything by the book," she says. "They took Anna away. I went a little crazy. I wanted to die. I tried to throw myself out of an upstairs window. They held me down, gave me an injection, moved me to a room. After that I just gave up all hope."

It turned out that 18 months after the couple had fought to keep Claudia, social services had still not acknowledged Helen's new situation. Anna and Claudia have now been adopted by the same couple. Helen's repeated requests for a photograph of the girls has been refused.

Since then Helen and David have had three more children whom they have been allowed to keep. But the social services still watch the children avidly and the slightest mishap could lead to their removal.

Meeting the couple was one of the most distressing experiences of my life. Their sorrow and outrage almost bubble over as they speak, and Helen breaks down frequently. At the moment her arm is in a plaster cast and her neck in a brace, allegedly the result of a police raid on her flat, after allegations of abuse from the neighbour who had previously testified against them. The children were taken from their beds and, for the first time, had to spend the night away from their mother. She spent a night in custody before being released without charge.

Throughout our meeting the children, all under five, played happily and quietly. Helen is distraught at the effect of the recent police action. "The children used to sleep perfectly. Now they lie awake and say 'It's all right Mummy, the police won't take you away.' Steven [the eldest] vomits to stop being sent to bed."

The family live in a one-bedroom flat. The children have no space to play and the parents constantly have to tell them to quieten down, for fear of what their neighbour may say. Requests to be rehoused have been turned down.

Official reports describe David as "intelligent and caring". Nonetheless, he is afraid to seek medical help with a recurring chest pain for fear of any contact with the authorities. "When I get home at night I'm scared to open the door in case my children won't be there," he says. He has lost four jobs because of the time needed to attend social services hearings.

According to Helen, this once placid man has become a nervous wreck. She is clearly tormented with guilt that he has lost two daughters, simply by choosing to stay with her. "I feel like I'm being punished. It's never ending," she says. "I'd be better off dead, but what about my children? I feel they are going to suffer."

Shirley Jackson of the Family Rights Group, which advises the parents of children who have been taken into care, says cases like that of Helen and David's are not uncommon. "Once parents have had children removed under one set of circumstances, it will colour anything that happens in the future," she says. "People are rarely given a second chance. There is no account taken of important changes, such as a mother maturing or finding a new father.

"If you are prepared to consider the new circumstances of a parent then it is possible to reunite children with their parents, or to stop the latest ones from being taken away.

"If enough resources are put into investigating a case at the beginning, then we can prevent this merry-go-round where the parents keep having children and the authorities keep having them removed."

In the meantime, there is little Helen and David can do. They cannot see Claudia or Anna, nor can they claim financial compensation for their agony. They are left feeling bitter that work carried out in the name of child protection has ruined their lives, but more importantly has cast a shadow over the lives of the three children they so desperately want to keep safe and sound.

● *All names have been changed to protect the family*

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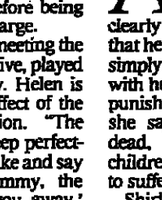
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Cricket: a dismal victory

'George Orwell seems to be right: serious sport is war without the shooting'



LIBBY PURVES

It was hard to make out, listening to reactions after the England Test win, exactly who had been defeated. Most of them — surly vox pop interviews at the ground, crabby commentators — seemed to consider it mainly a moral victory over Ted Dexter. The next opponent, to them, was not the West Indies team, but "that lot at the top" whose fault it is that England doesn't win much. The general tone was of such dreary carping in the face of victory that I have yet again given up trying to identify with national competitive sport.

I would actually rather like to. I even took the trouble to look up the poet Sir Henry Newbolt's account of that breathless hush in the Close tonight, a bumping pitch and a blinding light, an hour to play and the last man in. Remember that hero playing his heart out? "*... not for the hope of a ribboned coat or the selfish hope of a season's fame — but the Captain's hand on his shoulder smote — 'Play up! Play up! and play the game!'*". No, I do not mock: it would be fun to feel that way about sport again.

When England won the World Cup I was at school (being hammered out of every league by terrifying Amazons from Benenden), and was properly thrilled. When brave little Sunderland took the FA Cup off the Goliaths, Leeds, in the seventies I snivelled happily to see manager Bob Stokoe vanish under an emotional mass of fans. I cut out pictures of cricketers once. Everyone likes a good fight in a good spirit, and the occasional glorious win for Our Side.

Precisely what has happened it is hard to say, but like scores of other people I meet (not only women, either) I can somehow no longer be bothered with any of it. George Orwell seems increasingly right: "Serious sport has nothing to do with fair play. It is bound up with hatred, jealousy, boastfulness, disregard of all rules and sadistic pleasure in witnessing violence. It is war minus the shooting." We — the middling, half-interested many — have become deprived of that gentle universal interest which used to make strangers say "Grand about England, then!" on the station platform, even if they barely knew what shape the ball was. It has all become an unappealing mess of technicalities and high finance, management politics and drug tests and anger.

Newbolt would not recognise today's cricket when it becomes — or is reported as — a snarling, bad-tempered business where men wear ridiculous Hannibal Lecter masks, snipe at their opponents, behave like oafs on tour and court every tacky bit of publicity they can get. Any captain trying to smite his team-mate's shoulder today would end up either being punched on the nose, photographed by paparazzi for a Gay Cricket Scandal, or invited to explain at intolerable length on television how his shoulder-smiting technique was helped by the team psychotherapist. Football, meanwhile, struggles against a slummy, violent image and the machinations of publicity-hungry tycoons. On the athletics field, with a few exceptions, the race is not only to the swift but to the well-sponsored, the privately coached, the obsessive.

We, the once-supportive outsiders, feel deprived by all this of our old pastime of cheering vaguely on the national touchline. We are not against it on principle: sixties ideas may have made us flirt for a while with the idea that competitive games were uncivilised (remember those drab sports days in progressive schools, where they only played "co-operative" games and nobody got rosettes?). But one look at the fiendish rivalries of our own children convinced us that humans will always compete, and that it might as well be channelled into properly Newbolsh directions before it ends in bloodshed. It would be good to see them taught to "love the game beyond the prize".

But the yobbish, unsportsmanlike desperation to win is filtering down rapidly even to the children. Look around at the summer scene of sports days, regattas, tennis tournaments, cricket matches and gymkhanas. You will see that the stamp, the scowl, the blaming of equipment or animals, and the general plug-ugly nastiness of international sport is making its mark. Even the Ambridge cricket team is riven by strife.

Winners are too keen on winning, losers so put off by the way winners behave that they shrug and turn away. There are, after all, other places to find exercise, teamwork, leadership and achievement: ceilidhs, carnivals, chorales. You can put on a play, clean out a canal or crew on a tall ship.

"Serious sport" has shot itself in the foot. There is time for it to move back towards the high human values to which it has always paid lip service: but probably not as much time as it thinks.

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The anti-British backlash

Kate Muir reports from New York on America's new found disdain for the snobbish, poor and dreary Brits



Parody: in its latest edition, America's *Spy* magazine presages an assault on the domination of the British

We are hunkered down, as they say in the States, not daring to move from the relative safety of our pathetically small and ridiculously expensive apartments. We are not under siege from the usual New York menaces, such as this week's new serial killer from Brooklyn who wears one surgical glove, carries a 9mm pistol and calls himself Kevin. Nor do we fear the daily muggings, ambushings by homeless crack fiends in search of a donation, or dangerously shortsighted yellow cab drivers. It is still (almost) safe to go out in the streets: it is just that it is no longer safe to be British.

There had been rumblings of discontent for some time, along the simple lines of: "You come over here, take our jobs and women (or men) and then trash the place." In certain restaurants on the upper East side, at book launches and literary parties, there was perhaps a certain coolness observed towards the influx of British editors, actors, writers and businessfolk working for American institutions. Occasionally, there were witticisms about the cricket, regal toe-sucking, or Kenneth Branagh, that seemed a tad barbed.

But nothing compares with the gratuitous viciousness of the present mauling of everything and everyone British. Like carnivores attracted to a weak and limping victim, the organs of the American press are moving in for the British kill.

The satirical *Spy* magazine fronts the pack with its September "U.K. Decay!" special issue, featuring the Princess of Wales in full tiara on the cover, smiling with brown, rotted, gap teeth. Inside, there is "Setting Sun — The Decline and Fall of Great Britain, 1940-93". It begins with some traditional palace bashing, deconstructing eight recent royal scandal books, and testing propositions such as "Diana is a bit thick", "the Royal family is rife with bigots" and, of course, "the monarchy is dead".

Continuing under the "U.K.D.K." logo, the magazine moans that the British are now in charge of most magazines in America — *The New Yorker, Vogue, Harper's Bazaar, Mademoiselle, The New Republic, The National Enquirer, TV Guide* and *Details*. Meanwhile: "The teensy-weensy vast wasteland they left behind is sinking into an irreversible coma of dullness".

To illustrate said dullness, the magazine describes "A day in the life of Johnny Brit". Johnny wakes up in his grotty Hackney bed-sitter and faces "another grim morning in Albion", equipped only with his early 1970s Marks and Spencer's underpants and a cuppa of PG Tips. He goes to work in a nine-year-old Ford Escort, and on arrival forces down a cuppa of Bovril. His boss, Mr Clough, lives in a "semi-detached in Barking called Alacrity" and encourages Johnny to sell garden gnomes to "a social-climbing Paki" and flying ducks to a skinhead. The essay continues for some time in similar vein.

Another section, titled "How do the English Survive?" records: "To answer this question, we must examine the intricate tapestry of meteorological dreariness, Silas Marnerian stinginess, Uriah Heepian creepiness and Ron Woodian slovenliness that coalesce to make Great Britain."

> 'You come over here, take our jobs and women (or men) and then trash the place'

Finally — and this, surely, will hurt the nation more than the fun poked at the royal family — there is a cruel parody of a column by that great British institution, Auberon Waugh.

The *Spy* attack could easily be dismissed as the work of a few hacks bitter at their loss of well-paid jobs to foreigners. Yet this is merely the scariest example of the backlash against the so-called Briterati and their economically-backward homeland. *Newsweek* magazine recently printed photographs of world leaders on a scale with their popularity. François Mitterrand and Bill Clinton were printed giant size for their respective national ratings of 46 and 38 per cent. Mr Major, with a sad 19 per cent, was barely visible in the far corner, only outdone in weeniness by Kiichi Miyazawa of Japan. More embarrassing still are the remarks made when the same world leaders appear on CNN television at the weekend in smart suits to condemn or support, say, the latest bombing of Baghdad, and Mr Major appears in a woolly grey V-neck jumper he appears to have had since schooldays.

Even William Safire, a hitherto highly-respected, sophisticated fellow at the *New York Times*, has joined in the fray. Last Sunday he got hold of a copy of the BBC stylebook — a writing guide for journalists — and ripped it to pieces in his column. "Whose English language is it anyway?" he roared. "From the tone of the new stylebook, you'd think the Brits invented it. With unmistakable disdain, the broadcastocrats in London call what we speak American. Mr Safire then gives his own disdain for the stylebook's author a lengthy airing.

Accused of being racist, snobbish, poor and unutterably dreary, English citizens in New York are understandably nervous about venturing beyond the ex-pat safety net. The "Special Relationship", much vaunted in the Thatcher-Reagan years, has ended in tears and bitterness. As Anglophobia replaces the Anglophilia of the 1980s, this correspondent would like to make it clear that she is wholly of Scottish blood.

Memories of a freedom fighter

Fred Waitzkin tells a tale of friendship in the old Soviet Union that brought a tear to a champion's eyes

On June 9, 1991, three days before Boris Yeltsin would become Russia's first democratically elected president, Garry Kasparov, dressed in blue jeans and a sports shirt, stood on a platform in Moscow's Manezhnaya Square to address a cheering crowd.

"Citizens of Moscow," he began, and then for the first time noticed the immensity of his audience. There were at least 250,000 people spread out in front of him, acres of people, swaying with the anticipation of democracy, wealth and good times — no more Gorbachev, no more food lines.

Kasparov's face went white. For three or four seconds, he could not recall his words, and then he burst into a flabbergasted smile. Look where I am. This boy from Baku. A wood pusher. The champion began to speak, at first hesitantly, but soon the words were pouring out of him: "This is the final stand against communism. It is a moment when we all must be united. Our opponents will do anything to win."

The crowd loved him. "On June 12, we will close a shameful page in our history and we will go onto the same road with all civilised people." There was thunderous applause and cheering, political banners waving. The Kremlin rocked with the chant, "Yeltsin, Yeltsin, Yeltsin." Garry was charismatic, a political rising star.

Three days later, Kasha, Garry and I walked from their little apartment to the neighbourhood polling place, a technical school which was dank and in need of repair, like all of Moscow. People standing on line ahead of us were in festive spirits.

When it was his turn to vote, he showed his passport to prove his citizenship like all the others on line, though the lady in charge tittered over Kasparov, whom she recognised immediately. Garry was very proud this day, but also cautious, as though recalling winning positions that he had failed to win because of overconfidence. "June 12 is an historic date because communism has lost, but democracy hasn't yet won."

We walked back to their apartment past a little lake that must once have been lovely but now was littered and slimed with motor oil. Garry was pensive. He kicked at the water's edge. "It's nice here," he said, not noticing the bottles and cans. He was somewhere else.

He threw a rock into the lake. "I have a story for you," he said. "It's about my father." The word caught in his throat. Garry almost never referred to his father.

"It's a classic tale," he said looking for a way to begin. "It's about three friends, all Jews, all the same age. They lived next to one another in Baku. They were really great friends. David Zaferman, Bob Korsh and my father Kim Weinstein. While growing up, they were always together. All three attended the engineering



> 'Communism has lost, but democracy hasn't yet won'
>
> **Garry Kasparov**

institute in Baku. They loved the company of one another.

"Eventually they all married and still they remained friends, visiting one another, talking politics. They hated the Soviet system, but probably my father was the most forthright. He would criticise the system in public and was forced to change jobs several times because of his politics. He really hated the communism.

"One time his strong views almost cost the marriage. My mother had an opportunity for advancement in her work but to be promoted she had to join the party. My father told her, 'If you join the Communist Party, we are divorced.' In 1965 my father wrote in his diary that in 25 years, there would be no more communism in the Soviet Union. His two friends said that he was crazy." Garry nodded his head deliberately. "He was wrong by one year.

"My father died in January, 1971, when I was seven. That year his two friends brought flowers to my father's grave on his birthday, then again on the second of May, a day when people do this in my country, and once again the following January on the date of my father's death.

"Then, in 1972, David Zaferman decided to emigrate with his family to Israel. Before he left he asked Bob to bring flowers to the cemetery for him.

"After the genocide in Baku, we lost track of our friends. People were scattered to the wind. Not only Armenians. There was also a Jewish exodus from Baku. Jews tried to get to Israel. Baku was a dangerous place to live. My mother and I often thought of the graves of my father and of my grandfather. Who would care for them? Probably they would be desecrated. In Baku, everything was fouled.

"A few days ago, I was at my mother's and one of the bodyguards said: 'There is an old guy looking for you.' My mother had an intuition that it was Bob Korsh. A few minutes later they found him wandering on another floor in the building and brought him to us. Bob said to my mother [Klara]: 'I wanted always to live in my native city. But I'm old now and the city is empty.'

"Bob was a lost person, like many refugees from Baku who are now in Moscow. 'Klara, when they started the riots and murder, I began to cross out the names of my friends and relatives from my address book,' he said. 'One day this past April, I opened the book and I didn't find any more names. They were all crossed out. Then I understood I would leave Baku, Klara.'

"A very short story," said Garry. "One day he opened the book and there were no more names. 'Please, if you go back there put three pots of flowers on Kim's grave,' Bob said to us, but we won't go back there. This will be the first year there will be no flowers. The first year of no communism."

'As we walked from the lake, Garry was crying. He opened his wallet and stole a look at a photograph of his father, whom he barely remembered.



● The Times World Chess Championship, between Garry Kasparov and Nigel Short, begins at the Savoy Theatre, London, on September 7. Tickets available from First Call (071-497 9977).

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Adrian Mole and the new love of his life

Our hero abandons Pandora and moves in with another woman... Sue Townsend's comic tale continues

Monday November 25th
Soho
I am in love with Bianca Dartington. Hopelessly, helplessly mindlessly, gloriously, magnificently.

Tuesday November 26th
I am here in Soho, in Bianca's room above Brenda's Patisserie in Old Compton Street. I have hardly seen daylight since 3.30pm on Monday.

Thursday November 28th
Phoned my mother and asked her to send my books to Old Compton Street. Informed her that I am now living in London with Bianca. She asked for the address, but I wasn't falling for that. I hung up.

Saturday November 30th
Every morning when I wake up, I can't believe that the slim girl with the long legs who is lying next to me is mine! I always get out of bed first and put the kettle on the Baby Belling cooker. I want to please her more than I want to please myself.

This morning, "Stand By Me", sung by Ben E. King, was playing on Capital Radio.

I said: "I love this song. My father used to play it."

Bianca said: "So do I."

We danced to it, me in my boxer shorts and Bianca in her pink knickers with the flowers on.

"Stand By Me" is now our song.

Sunday December 1st
Went to the National Gallery today. We walked around the Sainsbury Wing like Siamese twins, fused together. We cannot bear to be apart for even a moment. The renaissance pictures glowed like jewels and inflamed our passion. Our mutual genitalia are a bit sore and bruised, but it didn't stop us making love as soon as we got back to the room. Norman next door banged on the wall and nearly put us off, but we managed to ignore him.

Monday December 2nd
I was putting my socks and shoes on this morning, when I noticed a strange expression on Bianca's face.

I said: "What is it darling?"

After a lot of cajoling, Bianca confessed that she adored everything about me except my grey slip-on shoes and white towelling socks. As a mark of my love for her, I opened the window and hurled my only pair of socks and shoes into Old Compton Street. I was unable to go out all day as a consequence. I was a barefoot prisoner of love.

It is now late evening and the grey slip-ons are still in the gutter. I *did* see a tramp try them on, but he scowled and took them off immediately though they looked a good fit.

Monday December 4th
I telephoned my mother today and asked her why she hadn't sent my books on as I had asked.

She screamed: "Mainly because you refused to give me your address, you stupid sod."

When Bianca had gone to work, I walked to Oxford Street and bought a dustpan and brush, a packet of yellow dusters, Mr Sheen, a floor cloth, some liquid Flash, a bottle of Windolene and a pair of white satin knickers from Knickerbox.

Bianca was thrilled when she returned at 3pm to find our room cleaned and sparkling. Almost as thrilled as I was at 1am when she put the satin knickers on.

Saturday December 7th
Bianca came home at lunchtime and asked if I wanted a job as a part-time washer-up in "Savages". It is cash in hand, off the books. I said: "Yes."



Monday December 9th
Peter Savage, the owner of "Savages", is certainly aptly named. I have never known a man with such a bad temper. He is rude to everybody, staff and customers. The customers think he is amusingly eccentric. The staff hate him and spend their meal breaks fantasising about killing him. He is a tall, fat man with a face like a beef tomato. He wears a CND tiepin on his Garrick Club tie.

Tuesday December 10th
Savage was drunk at 10am. At 12 noon he vomited into the yukka plant in the corner of the restaurant. At 1pm his wife came, abused him verbally and then carried him out to her car, helped by Luigi, the head waiter.

Bianca startled me this evening by suddenly shouting: "Please Adrian, can't you stop that perpetual sniffing. Use a handkerchief!"

Saturday December 14th
We haven't made love for over 24 hours. Bianca has got cystitis.

Sunday December 15th
Bought *The Joy of Sex* in the Charing Cross Road. Cystitis is called "The Honeymooners' Illness". It can be caused by vigorous, frequent sex. Poor Bianca is in the toilet every 10 minutes. Why is there *always* a price to pay for pleasure?

Tuesday December 17th
Experimented with making very gentle love. I was the passive partner.

Later, we had our first argument. Where are we spending Christmas Day and Boxing Day? In our room? At her parents? At my parents?

We didn't shout at each other, but there was (and still is) a distinct lack of seasonal goodwill. Bianca turned her back on me in bed tonight.

Thursday December 19th
We woke up tangled together, as usual. Christmas wasn't mentioned, but love, passion and marriage were. We are going to spend Christmas with her parents in Richmond.

It will save me having to buy presents for my family.

Tuesday December 24th
Christmas Eve
I braved the maddening crowds today and went out to buy Bianca's Christmas present. After tramping the streets for two hours, I ended up in Knickerbox and bought her a purple suspender belt, scarlet knickers, and a black lace bra. When the saleswoman asked me about size I said: "She looks a bit like Paula Yates, but with black hair." The woman sighed and said: "Paula Yates breastfeeding or not breastfeeding?"

I said: "Not breastfeeding," and she snatched some stuff off the racks and gift-wrapped it for me.

Thursday December 26th
Boxing Day
Richmond
How my sweet, darling Bianca could have come from such a vile family is a mystery to me. We slept in separate beds in separate rooms. We had to go to a wooden hut of a church on Christmas Day and listen to her father rant on about the commercialisation of Christmas, Bianca and I were the only people to buy presents. Everyone else had given money to the Sudanese Drought Fund.

Sunday December 29th
We went to Camden Lock today to buy Bianca a pair of boots. The whole area was thronging with young people who were both buying and selling. I said to Bianca: "Isn't it nice to see the young out and about and enjoying themselves?"

She looked at me in a funny way and said: "But *you* are young. You're only 24, though sometimes I find it hard to believe."

She was right, of course. I am young, officially, but I have never felt young. My mother said I was 35 on the day I fought my way out of her womb.

The cystitis is back, Bianca has reluctantly put the satin knickers back in her underwear drawer and gone back to the cotton gussets.

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■ Dark moves are afoot to make English spelling neither fsh nor vowl

Editer thros hat in air, Editer terns cartweel, big beem spreds acros Editers rugdly hansern fase! Sudnly *Th Times* is 10 per sent bigr, it is 10 per sent betr valu, yet, "Stoan th flamin cros!" crys its Editer, "it is stil th same *fizcal* size, we ar lookin at a flamin mirakl, fone this Coren bloak rite away, tel him he is on a 10 per sent rize, wate, make that wun per sent, no sens chukin all these sudn profits down th flamin drane, get me Nu York, get me Brisbn, get me Markt Harbro, wares mi flamin helicoptr?"

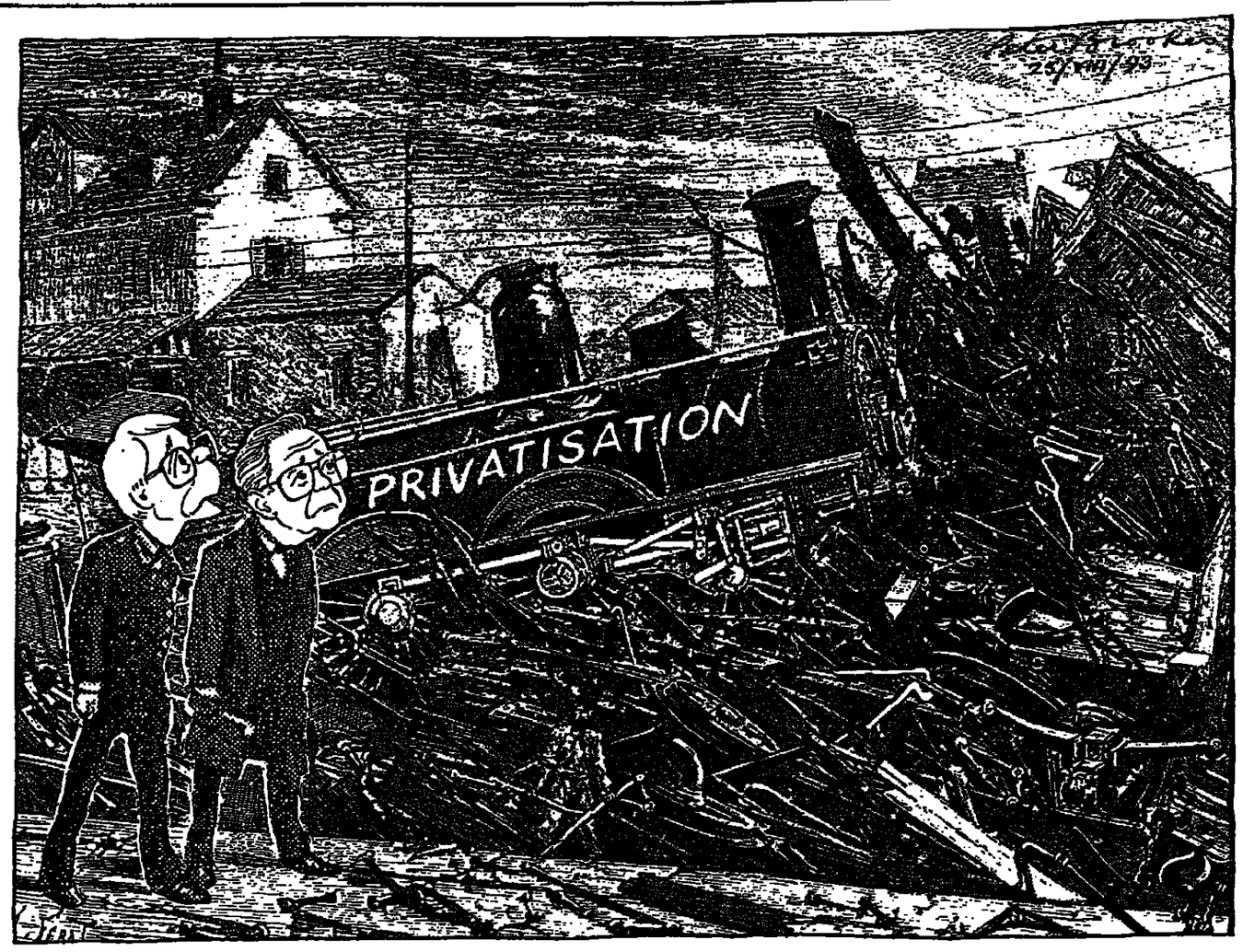
It is tru. This colum is but th ferst puf in th imnent tifoon: wot yu, deer reedr, ar gettin today is th same lenth as yu got last Wensdy, but it is pakt with 10 per sent more stuf, thanx to Mr Leo Chapman of The Simplified Spelling Society. Becos Mr Chapman has just ritn to tel me about Cut Spelling, a startlin nu sistem of not only streemlinin spellin but also choppin out unnesry letrs wich, and I kwote, "cuts wuns time at th keebord by 10 per sent and also reduces th amount of spase needed in a nuspapr, thus allowin about 10 per sent more editorial to be fittd in". Ferthrmor, his teem has calclated that of th 28 milion British werkfors, 10 milion ar ilitret or semilitret and cant evn reed a nuspapr; to kwote th mastr wunce agen, "ther is a hole nu constituency watin to be tapt by simplifyin spellin". Now, is this or is this not musik to th Editers eers?

But th mirakl dus not stop ther: let us look at th chaptr "Furthr Advantajs" in Mr Chapmans amazin leeflet, ware it tels how th sistem "saves time and trubl for evryone involvd in ritn text, from scoolchildren to publishrs, from novlists to advrtisrs, from secretaris to grafic desynrs". We lern how they wud not only save time by ritin 10 per sent less, thus offrin freedm to persu othr displins (wot? simplified Rushn, cut jomtry, streemlined brane sergry?), but also benfit evrythin from producshn costs (eg smallr books etc) to th envirnmnt (eg chukin away smallr books etc). It wil also be eesier to get into universty (no dout becos dons wil no longr think "Hear is an ilitret doap," they wil think, "Hear is sumwun hoo wil get thru th corse 10 per sent kwikr, even longr hols for us, bluddy grate, giv him a skolship!") and, in a fasnatin exampl of th sosity's infnit wisdm, "public syns and notises cud be ritn larjr," in othr werds (kwite litrly), thos with 10 per sent mor time as th result of cut spellin hoo wontd to, eg, spend that time in Hide Park wud be in no dout, from th nu big notises, that it wos an ofens to chuk rubish about or widl on th flours, thus avoidin hevy penlties.

"Incredbl!" yu wil probly be shreekin at this point. "Wot a boon this nu spellin is, sudnly th hole kulchr is lookin at brord sunny uplands, Britn will be grate agen, opn th bubly!", but ther may be, I hav to tel yu, a slite snag to al this; at presnt, it is but a litl cloud on th horizn only 10 per sent bigr than a mans hand, but it bothrs me a trifl, becos I hav had a few trys at ritn difrnt tipes of stuf in th nu stile, and I think I may hav spotd wot mite be a teknikl hich wich has for sum reesn, God nose how, escaped Mr Chapman and his sosity.

Considr these hedlines: "Chansler Sez No Nu Taxes: Reed Mi Lips"; "Man Nifes Gard In Bank Rade"; Desprit Plite of Hoamless After Leeds Fludds"; "Athton Struk On Hed By Beemer, Tuch And Go Sez Surgn." Now, can yu gess wot I am slitely wurried about? Rite, I am slitely wurried about th fact that it is abslootly impossibl to take enythin seriusly if it is ritn in th nu spellin. It cannot be dun. I do not no wy this shud be, all I no is that if I open *The Grate Gatsby* or *War And Peas* or *The Mare of Casterbrij* at randm and attemt to tern just wun singl paragraf into Mr Chapmans remarkabl orthogrfy, pritty soon I am rolin helplesly about on th flore, coffin and spluttrin, and this is almost sertnly not wot these majr riters intended.

But yes, since yu rase th point, ther is indeed a persnl ax been ground heer. Becos sudnly evrywun hoo evr rote enything is about to becum a bluddy humerist, and these days it is hard enuf erning a krust as it is, without evrything from *The Brothers Carry Mats Off* to *Pair O'Dice Lost* gettin in on th act.



What good is a warm spy?

An open and accountable secret service might please the freedom of information lobby, but it will not give value for money

Simon Jenkins

On Monday, *The Times* disclosed that MI5 and MI6 were to suffer a "value-for-money audit". Their annual budgets will be public, the National Audit Office will oversee their books and MPs will get a chance to do the same. This is a triumph for open government: a triumph too for the secret services that long to come in from the cold, to prove their worth and receive democracy's warm embrace of thanks.

I assume that somebody is joking. "Value-for-money" is a phrase like "mission statement" and "performance related pay": private sector jargon borrowed by the civil service and rendered meaningless. In the case of espionage it is especially so. The essence of a secret service is secrecy. It can be statutory but cannot "answer" to the public, except by burbling. If the democratic state must regrettably behave underhandedly either towards its own citizens or towards foreigners, then surely underhanded should mean underhanded. Secret is not a relative term. It is absolute. A spy can no more be part secret than part virgin.

At present the spending of the secret security services is controlled by the Treasury, vetted by a committee of permanent secretaries under Sir Robin Butler. The Treasury is notoriously mean, especially where there is no cabinet or parliamentary pressure for extra spending. I doubt if MI5 and MI6 are Whitehall's biggest wastrels. Now the NAO is to look at details, for instance, of staff and buildings. It might query a rent bill or suggest lead-free petrol. But value for money? How is the NAO to judge that without any measure of output?

The output of British espionage is a book each week that goes to a few privileged recipients from the Cabinet Office joint intelligence committee (JIC). This can be among Whitehall's more gripping reads. Harold Wilson called it his "weekly real-life James Bond" and Margaret Thatcher devoured it. Others have found it, perhaps off-season, little more use than a newspaper digest. But without knowing the quality of this material, and what other sources might be available, who is to say whether ministers are getting value for money, let alone the public?

At present the chief "redress" against espionage incompetence is crude. It is former spies such as Peter Wright spilling the beans. John le Carré was scathing in this paper last month on the postwar performance of MI5 and MI6, in both of which he served. He dismissed MI6's Cold war record as "dismal", penetrated and outgunned by the Russians time and again. MI5 "spent a fortune monitoring unilateral disarmers and anti-nuclear groups". Le Carré was sceptical whether MI5 was streetwise enough for its new job, fighting IRA bombers in mainland Britain. The public would presumably continue the catalogue: the predictive failures in Iran, the Falklands and Kuwait, the impotence in Northern Ireland.

Greater publicity is sure to increase these charges, but who is to judge whether they are fair or unfair? Raw intelligence — such as the naval signals monitored by GCHQ before the Falklands invasion — is useless without good JIC analysis. Good analysis is useless unless those impresarios of crisis, government ministers, take it in. Most just read the files, starry eyed with excitement, and murmur, "Oh good" or "Oh dear". I cannot believe any is experienced enough to know if he is being sold a pup or given a terrific deal.

So what else? There are only two extreme forms of discipline for any body corporate. It either goes out of business or, if it belongs to the government, it suffers public obloquy. Whether ministers have ever considered disbanding MI5 or MI6, I do not know. Presumably some espionage could be, possibly is, contracted out. If Whitehall can use private security guards, why not freelance spies? MI5 last year beat the Special Branch for the intelligence "contract" against the IRA. Will it challenge the Serious Fraud Office for the serious fraud contract? As for MI6, there is no shortage of "confidential" material sold by agencies to international companies. Most newspaper foreign desks could produce a digest of unpublished titbits and predictions from round the world: not as good as MI6 perhaps, but it might offer better value for money.

If value-for-money is not to be tested in the market place where is it to be tested? American experience is mixed. The most effective monitor is the president's Intelligence Oversight Board, a legacy of the Watergate days. Composed of experts and laymen it is supposedly privy to all executive orders going to the CIA and other covert agencies.

Separate oversight comes from the House and Senate intelligence committees. These are of 15 members each, have more than 100 staff and are targets of lobbying both by the agencies and by outside lobbyists and freedom of information enthusiasts.

Such committees have certainly restored the status of the CIA, the National Security Agency and the Pentagon intelligence operations. They are briefed on budgets and staffing and on operational policy. Though sworn to secrecy on active operations, the mere existence of such political oversight can distort priorities and intensify Washington's ceaseless agency rivalry. Nor did such oversight forestall Iran-Contra or give warning of the invasion of Kuwait. The openness of American intelligence was one reason why Henry Kissinger and later Oliver North set up private and unmonitored "back-channels".

Oversight can be taken to extremes, but that does not invalidate it. The danger is that when a secret service starts down the publicity road, it sheds more veils than it ever intended. Each will disclose what most suits its interest. When a rival retaliates, it is induced to leak more. Stir into this stew one cupful of parliamentarians and another of eager journalists, and the pot soon bubbles furiously. We are not dealing here with paltry official secrets but with the stuff of spy thrillers.

A parliamentary intelligence committee will do little but leak inadvertently. Wool will be pulled over its eyes from day one. Members will be chosen by the whips for their safety. Like the Commons defence committee, fêted by the military, a multiparty intelligence committee will fall under the glamour of its subject. The Treasury will be faced with yet another lobbyist for money.

I believe the best way to monitor the secret services is quite different. It is by means of regular enquiries into specific incidents, sometimes public, sometimes private but always with published reports. Much the best postmortem on British intelligence performance since the war was that of Lord Franks on the Falklands invasion. Read between the lines, his report was a fascinating guide to the British way of crisis mismanagement. Another, dissimilar glimpse of the intelligence services at work is on its way from the grossly inflated Scott enquiry into Matrix Churchill. (Franks will have the edge as a shrewd layman rather than a judge inclined to lose sight of the wood for the trees.)

Here were two incidents involving the secret services that were already of public interest. The Franks report was worth volumes of parliamentary oversight. I see no reason why, if Falklands and Matrix Churchill merited enquiry, Kuwait and the fall of the Berlin wall should not. How much did the government know — and ignore? As in the Falklands, the outcome might show the principal fault as lying not with the intelligence gatherers but with analysis and decision.

Such occasional explosions of sharp, piercing light mean far more than the tepid oversight of a Commons committee. Espionage is a career whose occupational hazard is sometimes to overstep the mark of propriety. The chiefs of MI5 and MI6 may choose to tease the public with a little information, but they run a risk. If phones are being tapped, foreign firms infiltrated and taxpayers' millions spent abroad, somebody needs to be assured that the game is worth the candle. Ministers are too busy, MPs too lax, the courts too expensive. I would go for a periodic, retrospective "Franks" enquiry, with no sanction beyond that of shame. Espionage is not a democratic activity, not even a parliamentary one. It is secret, sinister and unusual. A shrewd democracy is alert to this and invents oversight that is unusual too.

The price to be paid for lower taxes

Michael Portillo on the need to cut public spending

Current debate over the role of the state and the management of the public finances highlights the need for politicians to set out clearly the principles on which they base decisions on important issues. Unless they do, it is hard for the nation to have an informed debate and even harder for ministers to gain public acceptance for their actions.

So, today, people are asking: how can a party that fought an election promising low taxation now refuse to rule out increasing taxes in the Budget?

Conservatives believe that the size and scope of the state have grown too large and must be reduced. We also believe that sound management of public finances is a fundamental duty of government. The experience of the 1980s demonstrates that those twin beliefs are soundly based. Margaret Thatcher made some progress in the task of cutting back the size of the state and public finances were brought under control. Those two successes contributed to the reversal of a national decline.

John Major's government today faces two tasks which are frequently confused by commentators. One, the short-term task, is to bring down government borrowing in order to provide the stable economic conditions required for a sustained increase in national prosperity. Too much state borrowing crowds out the private sector, can put pressure on interest rates, passes a burden of debt to future generations and may require higher taxes to pay the interest. This last is of real concern because Conservatives know that economies function best when taxation is low. We raise taxes only with the greatest reluctance.

The second vital task is to reduce the proportion of national income spent by the government: in other words, to cut down the size of the state. In 1960 the state consumed around 30 per cent of GDP. Today it consumes about 45 per cent. Too many people now look to the state to do too many things for them. Even if we were running a balanced budget, I would wish to see the growth in public spending curbed.

These two tasks are often confused because both involve constraining public expenditure. Conservative Way Forward said last week that it would be a "cop out" to deal with the borrowing problem by tax rises alone. I entirely agree. We must first control public spending. But we need to reduce borrowing quickly, whereas reversing *trends* in public spending will take some years. We must be robust in constraining public spending, but even so cannot rule out revenue-raising measures. The Chancellor may judge in November that borrowing is not being cut fast enough. Failure to reduce borrowing could lead to a permanent increase in national indebtedness which could be addressed only by permanently higher taxes, thus increasing the reach of the state.

The spending remit the government has set itself reflects what is feasible, in terms of public acceptability and of parliamentary time. Most reductions in spending require altering policies, which means legislation.

The government's spending plans aim for no real increase in the control total, its measure of public spending, between this year and next and next year and the year after. "Not tough enough," say some critics. Well, tougher than Mrs Thatcher's record during the 1980s and tougher than it seems. Within this constraint the biggest budgets are rising well ahead of inflation.

Social Security is increasing year after year by more than 3 per cent in real terms. The number of students in higher education has almost doubled in the last five years, and the recession, which has hit the level of parental contributions, leaves the state paying more grants. We are committed to real increases for the NHS. Extra prisons are expensive. The Common Agricultural Policy costs the taxpayer much more and the legal aid budget is still rising despite the unpopular measures we have taken to control it.

There is nothing "wet" about our present public spending target. It will require very difficult decisions if we are to rein back the increases in "demand-led" programmes and, to the extent that we cannot do so in the short term, to make offsetting savings elsewhere. And that will be just the beginning. We have to continue to re-examine the role of the state, and keep asking where its spending is outmoded or unaffordable. In February, the government instituted a series of expenditure reviews to ask why the public sector spends what it does, and from which areas it could disentangle itself. The first reviews are looking at the departments of social security, health, education and the Home Office. It is perfectly obvious that there are enormous commitments in those areas on which government will not renege.

If the economy is growing, reducing the size of the state is made easier. Provided we can keep the lid on public spending, an increase in GDP gives the result we want: a smaller state as a *proportion* of national income. That was the success of the 1980s. The task in the 1990s is much more difficult. Growth may not be as fast, and much of what could be sold to reduce the size of the state has already been sold. Hard choices will have to be made.

Our goal is a low tax economy. Low taxes enhance international competitiveness. But we cannot sustain such an economy unless the size of the state is cut back and public finances are maintained on a sound footing.

The author is Chief Secretary to the Treasury.

Still no Eyre apparent

IT IS now more than two months since Lord Rix resigned as chairman of the Arts Council's drama panel. Still, however, no successor has been found.

It looks as if it will be a long search. Paul Allen, playwright and *Kaleidoscope* presenter, who has been standing in since Rix's departure, says he wouldn't recommend the job to anyone. When he took it on in June he was told he would be free of the responsibility by next month's council meeting. Now that is out of the question.

"It would be terrific fun during a time of expansion," he says, "but telling people that you cannot give them anything is no fun at all. I hope the new chairman will take over soon."

The Arts Council has submitted its suggestions for Rix's successor to Peter Brooke, the heritage secretary, but so far has had no response. Sources say the suggestions are likely to include "creative people" such as Adrian Noble of the RSC and Richard Eyre of the National Theatre.

Whether such luminaries will take the job is, however, unlikely. The role is unpaid and will involve, over the next months, explaining to unfortunate theatres why their grant has been cut. The actor Sir Ian McKellen, who says he would refuse the post if offered, puts his money on Eyre. "He would be brilliant and would stick up for the arts."

Sam Mendes, artistic director of the Donmar Warehouse, believes the job should go to either Nicholas Wright, in charge of new writing at the National Theatre, or Michael Attenborough, the RSC's executive producer. "It needs someone who has been in the position of holding out the begging bowl: not a money man with no knowledge of the theatre."

Thrown a line

A ROYAL NAVY captain from Chichester has stepped into the breach on behalf of the Princess Royal's husband, Commander Timothy Laurence, after reading how he is descended from Edward III in the *Genealogists' Magazine*.

Reassuring though it was to discover that Laurence had his own royal connections, Captain Hugh Owen, R.N., was appalled to read the path of descent. The magazine had traced Laurence's lineage through John Beaufort, a grandson of Edward III who held the status of bastard for 26 years before he was legitimised with the assent of Parliament in 1397.

"May I . . . make so bold as to suggest a more honourable descent from the same king for my fellow naval officer," Owen pleads in the current issue of the magazine. He outlines an "untainted" descent from Edward III which avoids illegitimates and connects him with Harry Hotspur, "tutor to Henry V, a doughty warrior and the people's idol". Laurence is delighted, Owen says. "I've had a very nice letter from him thanking me for defending his honour."

Peregrine hawk

"WE SHOULD acknowledge the right of the people to bear and carry guns," wrote the celebrated contrarian Sir Peregrine Worsthorne in last weekend's *Sunday Telegraph*. "Who will be the first to realise the value of armed Essex man?" he continued in a article headlined "More guns, more safety for Britons".

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But how would Worsthorne fare in the sort of post-*Mad Max* Britain he describes? Friends are concerned, recalling his reaction some years ago to the sight of blood in a St John's Wood restaurant when a fellow diner's head was gashed by a falling curtain pole. "He went a paler shade of white and fled," says the unfortunate victim. "Perry has a romantic, Scarlet Pimpernel side to him. He sees himself carrying firearms, with a swagger, but it might be a question of the imagination not quite matching up to the reality."

Jaggered edge

THE cult 1960s film *Performance*, directed by Donald Cammell and Nicolas Roeg and starring Mick Jagger and James Fox, is finally to be given a national release — 25 years after its completion. Back in 1968 Warner Brothers considered the film too inflammatory to be screened. Two years later they briefly relented, screening the film for three weeks in one London cinema. Not until the early 1980s did it reach a wider art house audience.



David Cammell, the film's associate producer, is delighted the film will now be shown nationwide. "Warners were expecting a nice, cosy, Beatles-type picture. They were furious when they saw it. After the screening in Los Angeles one of the Warner executives went out to the back lot with a spade, threatening to bury the film."

Gates of wrath

RISKING the ire of the Worshipful Company of Blacksmiths, which compared the gate made for the Queen Mother to "something out of Disneyland", St John's College, Oxford, has gone ahead and commissioned a new gate — from a jeweller.

Designed by Wendy Ramshaw, better known for her whorled earrings, the gate will breach an ancient wall separating the college garden from the Garden Quadrangle, a new hall of residence built on the site of the late, lamented Agricultural Sciences faculty.

Fabricated in mild steel bar and finished in burnished graphite black with details in gold leaf, the gate helpfully incorporates a double magnifying lens at eye-level for the curious. Raymond Jorden, Learned Clerk to the Worshipful Company of Blacksmiths, is not impressed. "It is unbelievable," he says, "a magnifying glass does not fit in with the scroll of a gate or ironwork. It sounds a bit gimmicky."

However, Dr Anthony Boyce, Bursar of St John's, defends the gate, forged by ironworker Richard Quinnell: "We are very pleased with the gate. The ironworker has a lot of experience in making structures that are partly artistic and partly functional."

● *The non-speaking role is a vital rite of passage for ambitious young thespians. But few will be able to rival the experience of Simon Connolly who, at 21, makes his West End debut next month — behind a frosted glass screen. Connolly will cast the silent shadow of a dying septuagenarian in* Marvin's Room, *which transfers to the Comedy Theatre with Alison Steadman and Phyllis Logan among the speaking parts. "I can't complain," Connolly says. "It will get me my Equity card and it is only my first job out of drama school." Still, could be worse — he could have been Godot.*

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LEVELS OF ANXIETY

How school-leavers' chances could be improved

August has always been the cruellest month for teenagers awaiting A level results. This year, those who have already received their results slips and are hoping to proceed to university face the additional pressure of the unprecedented squeeze on admissions to higher education. Far more applications have already been rejected than at the same stage last year and fewer than 40,000 university and college places remain vacant.

The final dash for admission to degree courses has never been so competitive. Today, *The Times* launches its degree vacancy information service, the only daily service of its kind. For four weeks, it will provide aspiring students with up-to-date information on vacancies by subject and should help those still searching for the right course to make an informed decision.

Education ministers also have some difficult choices to make before the next academic year. The squeeze on places is partly an inevitable consequence of last week's high A level results; but it also reflects the fundamental tension in the government's higher education policy between the drive for expansion and the equally worthy desire for cost-effectiveness. Ministers hope that one in three school-leavers will go on to university or college. At the same time, they are under serious pressure to control the cost of higher education. This conflict of objectives is proving intolerable for many universities, which are trying to admit more students for less funding per capita.

In December, John Patten, the education secretary, responded to Treasury demands by cutting the funds paid to universities on arts and social sciences courses by £550 per head. This has effectively halted the expansion of these courses, causing the current mismatch between supply and demand. Though Mr Patten's measure was financially logical, it was scarcely fair to sixth form pupils already committed to A levels in arts subjects and hoping to pursue similar courses at university.

Applicants who have obtained the exact A level grades required by their university offers will not, of course, be denied admission; but many who would ordinarily have secured a place in the clearing month will now be disappointed. The same will be true next year. Yet the rapid expansion of further education colleges and the expected sixth successive rise in GCSE pass rates will encourage more and more pupils to take A levels. It is essential that university expansion keeps pace if thousands of well-qualified teenagers are not to be denied the higher education opportunities which the government has promised them.

This political embarrassment will only be avoided if more money is found. The right to a completely free university education enshrined in the Robbins report has been made obsolete by the increase in student numbers and the need to control public spending. Mr Patten should now announce a comprehensive review to find a just means of transferring the burden of higher education from taxpayer to consumer.

This could be achieved by imposing top-up fees on students; by a special hypothecated tax for graduates; or by introducing a more ambitious student credit scheme than the existing loans system, which would allow graduates to repay some or all of the cost of their education as quickly as their earnings permitted. The Australian Higher Education Contribution Scheme has shown how effective and politically uncontroversial such a system could be. An enquiry into these options, announced before term begins, would reassure universities and encourage smoother expansion in the next few years. It would give credibility to the unsung revolution in higher education. Mr Patten could scarcely ask for a better opportunity to redeem his department's image.

IRAQIS TO BACK

The West should take Saddam's opponents more seriously

The defection of two distinguished and well-connected Iraqi ambassadors will boost morale among Iraq's 1.5 million exiles. Their support for the London-based Iraqi National Congress (INC), an umbrella group of the Iraqi opposition, should enhance its standing in Western chancelleries, which have been culpably reticent in their dealings with President Saddam Hussein's domestic foes. Iraqis are insulted by the view, all too common among Western diplomats, that Iraq may require some sort of dictator to hold it together. When men like these seek more robust support for the INC, with its platform of democratic pluralism, and say that it is Saddam's policies which risk the dismemberment of Iraq, rather than separatist trends among the Shia or Kurdish opposition, Douglas Hurd should listen.

Both are from prominent Sunni Iraqi families; they speak for a large, modern mainstream in denouncing Saddam's subjection of all Iraqi institutions to the whim, avarice and cruelty of his kith and kin. Hisham al-Shawi, Iraq's ambassador to Canada and former envoy both to London and the UN, brings not only diplomatic expertise but much-needed money to the opposition's cause: some £240,000 from the embassy safe. Their choice of exile has, however, a sobering reason: Mr al-Shawi decided to throw his weight behind the INC "before everything is lost" because he doubts that Saddam can be toppled from within.

Iraqis have been anything but supine. Even after the ruthless crushing of the 1991 postwar uprisings, dissident soldiers have attempted several coups. Dissent has penetrated the inner circles of the regime; recently, there have been reliable reports of an uprising in Saddam's home base, Takrit, followed by the arrest of more than 200 officers and civilians. But for all these signs that the cement of fear that binds Saddam's regime may be cracking, the ruling clique's defences are formidably multi-tiered. They are built on the army, Republican Guard, a heavily armed presidential guard and multiple secret services. At the pinnacle, Saddam relies on his family, united at least in retaining power. A successful revolt against such odds would require the kind of organisation which would be easily detected.

The exile opposition mirrors the divisions and rivalries within Iraq's complex society, but it has begun to organise. Seeking to convince Iraqis inside the regime that should Saddam fall, they would not suffer his fate, the INC has drawn up indictments against those closest to Saddam, with a promise of amnesty for those not on the list. It wants Britain to give clear support for a war crimes tribunal to deal with this inner circle, coupled with much tougher insistence on implementing UN resolution 688, which demands an end to the regime's persecution of Iraqis, throughout Iraq.

Western policy is going in the opposite direction. The decision to withdraw 236 UN blue berets from the northern Iraqi "safe haven" for lack of funding will be seen by Saddam as a weakening of Western interest. Instead, the UN should demand an end to Saddam's internal blockade of northern Iraq, imposed in 1991, or alternatively ease sanctions in the zones under UN protection.

The West, resolute in pursuit of Saddam's outlawed weapons programmes, has given little thought to Iraqi alternatives to Saddam. Britain formally supports the INC, but should go further. It is at least potentially a government-in-exile. Western recognition and aid could be followed by that of some Arab governments such as Jordan or Egypt. Yesterday's defections may cause Saddam little loss of sleep, but firmer Western backing for Iraqis brave enough to resist him could hasten the inevitable end.

THE KISSING SINGHS

Baird's box bares all in India

News has just arrived that the kiss is now kosher on *Doordarshan*. India's state-controlled television has responded to the onslaught of "Western prurience", which Indian viewers can and do watch on satellite television, by abandoning its ostrich-like attitude to osculation. A kiss is, emphatically, just a kiss. But following economic reforms last year, the new kissing policy is another welcome Indian liberalisation.

The Indian attitude to the on-screen kiss is one of the modern world's great paradoxes. For those who wonder "what fool it was that first invented kissing" the study of ancient India is recommended. The *Kamasutra* and a plethora of racy Tantric texts reveal that the ancestors of those who show caution in abundance today were not averse to bodily contact of the frolicsome kind. They certainly would not have looked askance at a pukka pucker of the lips. Avid students of the *Kamasutra* will have kissed in one or all of eight different ways. Kisses were classed as "nominal, throbbing, touching, straight, bent, turned, pressed and greatly pressed".

What became of this highly-sexed civilisation? Why have Indians had to wait till 1993 to savour a kiss on television? From medieval times to the arrival of the British, most of central and north India was under Muslim management. The rulers did not find the sexually explicit elements in Hindu ritual endearing. Victorious but Victorian, they ruled with lips firmly pursed and legs firmly crossed. The ban on tele-kissing was the joyless great-grandchild of the union between indigenous and imperial prudery.

Georgie Porgie can now visit India, appear on television, and indulge in his favourite pastime without fear of instant deportation. India has come a long way since February 1970, when the government of West Bengal refused to rescind a ban on the celluloid kiss on the grounds that it would "act as a brain softener" on impressionable Bengali youth. Calcutta was, at the time, in the grip of violent Maoist student unrest, and one would have thought that there was a cast-iron case for a state-sponsored "brain softener".

Much of India has, of late, been in the thrall of a catchily suggestive song called "What's beneath the blouse? The director of the film in which the song features (and which, incidentally, is blissfully kissless) has stated disarmingly that the words refer to the *chanteuse*'s heart. Naturally, no one believes him for a moment. The song's popularity will, it is assumed, be short-lived. The advent of the televised kiss should give India a new salacious direction. Someone, surely, will soon write a song called "What's on the box?" "*Mujhe chumo*, Hardy", as Nelson might have put it in Hindi.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Where the Tories have gone wrong

From Mr R. L. Helmore

Sir, Lord Beloff (*The Times* Essay, August 23), considering the present plight of the government, asks where it has all gone wrong, and wonders why the Tories appear to have lost the support of many of their natural allies.

I suggest the main reason is that the Tories, the party of pragmatism, expected to apply the test, "Will it work?", have adopted instead an approach based on theory and dogma, in the teeth of advice from experienced practitioners.

To split up the rail network with all its attendant difficulties is to put the clock back by more than a century to the early history of railways in Britain, when the fragmentation of the network and parochial approaches to an essentially national problem led to a rail system which frequently lagged behind continental counterparts in safety, technical advance and passenger convenience.

Such progress as has been made towards a nationally coherent network is now about to be thrown away, in the name of competition. Part of the claimed competition seems spurious anyway since truly competing lines to the same destination disappeared under the Beeching axe.

The structural absurdities now being proposed in an endeavour to create competition in the gas industry, a natural monopoly if ever there was one, make it clear that common sense as a test of policy has gone out of the window.

These are only two examples of dogmatic obsession triumphing over reason and the voice of experience. Tory MPs have good cause to fear for their majorities. Their natural allies, experienced practitioners and senior professional people, concerned to make things work effectively, see a government espousing doctrinaire theories and legislation of Byzantine complexity to introduce artificial competition, usually counter-productive in terms of benefit to the consumer. This is not what most Conservative supporters want in my view.

Yours faithfully,
ROY L. HELMORE,
5 Beck Road, Saffron Walden, Essex.
August 23.

From Mr Benedict Birnberg

Sir, As a Labour party member I say "Amen!" to Lord Beloff's objectives — "speedier and cheaper justice, a better educated population, a more efficient health-care system and reasonable economy in defence" — to his plea for small and medium-sized businesses, to his scorn for "the plethora of 'charters'" and to his rhetorical question

... who but a Treasury economist would argue that a country with nearly three million unemployed and much under-used capacity cannot, without risking inflation, afford to develop its infrastructure and to man its services?

But, I submit, all citizens — not most as he says — want these things. Where, in these crucial areas of concern, there is so much accord between "the ordinary voter" and the political parties, it should not be simply for the Conservative party to set up a research organisation to diagnose and prescribe. By all means let the Conservatives do this but, as we move from Thatcherite polarisation to consensual politics, it should not be beyond the wit of man for the government to establish an authoritative national "think-tank" with representation from all the political parties and appropriate pressure and interest groups to diagnose our discontents and to prescribe at least a programme of minimal agreed remedies and action.

Yours faithfully,
BENEDICT BIRNBERG,
4 Eliot Place, Blackheath, SE3.
August 24.

A plea for unity

From Sir David Lane

Sir, As a former parliamentary colleague of Lord Parkinson I was sad to read his attack on the prime minister and the government (report, August 20). Of course there have been mistakes, which need to be acknowledged in adjustments of policy and presentation. But ever since the general election the task of Mr Major and his team has been made harder by continual sniping from disgruntled right-wingers. Surely Lord Parkinson of all people, as an ex-chairman, must realise how this damages the public image of our Conservative party, which until recently was widely respected for its loyalty and unity.

Yours truly,
DAVID LANE,
5 Spinney Drive,
Great Shelford, Cambridgeshire.

Our kind of town

From Mrs Janet Beck

Sir, I believe that the claim by Mr Robert Christie of Llanwrtyd Wells to be the "smallest town clerk" in Britain (letter, August 18) is incorrect and that the honour belongs to the town clerk of Fordwich, the ancient port of Canterbury (population 251, plus some children).

Yours faithfully,
JANET BECK,
1 The Willows,
Fordwich, Canterbury, Kent.

The real culprits in Bosnia's conflict

From Mr David Faber, MP for Westbury (Conservative)

Sir, Richard Beeston's front-page report (August 21) on Croat detention camps and the continuing siege of Mostar are evidence that when it comes to committing atrocities the Croats have nothing left to learn from anyone.

I know, too, from my own military contacts that any British soldier serving in Bosnia will confirm that Unprofor troops are regularly fired upon by Croats, who have little regard for their neutrality.

While the vast majority of Bosnian Serb soldiers are local Bosnians, often fighting a few hundred yards from their own homes, Croatia has its full-time professional army operating throughout the war zone — effectively an invading force. Some observers put their numbers as high as 65,000, including Bosnian Croats: they are well trained and armed (principally from the former East Germany). The Croat flag now flies over some 15 per cent of Bosnia.

In spite of this brutal annexation of part of a neighbouring sovereign state, Croatia inexplicably continues to avoid sanctions, most recently at the EC meeting of foreign ministers on July 19 when Germany yet again blocked any such move.

In written replies to parliamentary questions of mine on July 23 Foreign Office minister Douglas Hogg confirmed that "Croatian government forces are engaged in the conflict in Bosnia" and that "further measures against Croatia have not been ruled out". The time has surely come for Croatia to be held responsible for its role.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID FABER,
House of Commons.
August 23.

From Mr Leolin Price, QC

Sir, Peter Riddell ("The price Britain will pay", August 23) understates the moral and political damage caused by our Bosnian policy or lack of policy.

When 18 months ago the fighting moved into Bosnia it was obvious that the arms embargo was unfair unless Muslim lives and property were immediately and effectively defended against the relatively overwhelming war equipment and firepower of the Serbs. The defence was neither provided nor intended. Yet we let the arms embargo continue, denying the Bosnian Muslims all hope of saving their lives and property. While Muslims' lives or property have been savagely destroyed and stolen, we have talked and talked. We have made ourselves, in moral and political terms, allies of the victorious Serbs.

One cause of this shameful history of pompous talk and betrayal has been the confusing hope that the countries of Western Europe, moving towards a mythical and misconceived union, might demonstrate an ability to respond sensibly *together*: an illusion for which Bosnian Muslims have paid a truly terrible price.

Yours truly,
LEOLIN PRICE,
10 Old Square, Lincoln's Inn, WC2.
August 23.

From Dr John A. Vincent

Sir, If the war in Bosnia is a civil war, as the British government claims, why are the presidents of the two neighbouring republics required in Geneva at the talks which are meant to end the war? If it is not a civil war, why are we and the United Nations not vigorously defending the sovereignty of a member state rather than trying to force it to surrender?

An ethnic carve-up of Bosnia will do as much for peace in Europe as the ethnic division of the Sudetenland did in 1938. What is required to prevent the war spreading is not craven appeasement of aggression but a principled stand by the West to defend democracy and the rights of individuals not to be terrorised, violated and herded into camps on the grounds of their religious/ethnic affiliation.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN VINCENT,
University of Exeter,
Department of Sociology,
Amory Building, Rennes Drive,
Exeter, Devon.
August 20.

From Mr Neven Lezaic

Sir, Adam LeBor describes the Geneva peace plan for Bosnia as "a miserable end for the Muslim-led Bosnian government and its dream of a unitary, multi-ethnic state" (report, August 23).

The Bosnian government's commitment to a multi-ethnic state, however, has always been suspect. Several anti-Western comments in Bosnian president Alija Izetbegovic's republished book, *Islamic Declaration*, would hardly inspire confidence in the non-Islamic population of Bosnia.

Mr LeBor speaks of "seizure of territory by force". Most of the Serb-controlled territory in the newly created country of Bosnia-Herzegovina has been inhabited by Serbs for centuries. The Bosnian Serbs have fought to secure their homeland and not to conquer new territory. The Serbs simply do not want to be ruled against their will by Muslims or Croats.

Yours faithfully,
N. LEZAIC,
43 Shepherds Bush Road, W6.
August 23.

Car spotting

From Mr Brian Clapham

Sir, I recommend that Commander Chamberlain (letter, August 17) purchases a neat, plain GB plate held to the car by magnetism, enabling it to be attached or detached at will.

On the subject of damage to paintwork, some years ago an AA employee slapped a GB sticker on my car, and paintwork was damaged by its removal. With some persistence, I did get the AA to pay for the respray.

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN CLAPHAM,
91 Common Road, Claygate, Surrey.
August 17.

From Mr Charles Sterling

Sir, Our magnetic GB plates are designed to overcome the problem Commander Chamberlain mentions. They are made from paintwork-safe magnetic rubber, have been tested at speeds of over 130mph, carry no advertising and are reusable. They look just like a sticker and thereby escape removal. They are also available in blue and yellow "Euro-GB" format for those with Maastricht close to their hearts, all at £2.95, including postage and packing.

Yours faithfully,
C. H. STERLING
(Managing Director),
Sterling Services Ltd,
3 Wrights Meadow,
Walkern, Hertfordshire.

In-flight cocktail

From Mr Clive Turner

Sir, Dr Paul Thomas (letter, August 17) writes of his displeasure on a British Airways flight where smoking was permitted and calls for a ban, but such a "solution" would do nothing much to ensure passengers felt more comfortable.

The cocktail of constituents in the average airline cabin includes formaldehyde from the furnishings, ozone, carbon monoxide from the engines, carbon dioxide build-up from the passengers, bugs, fungal spores, skin bacteria, viruses of all kinds, and a host of other omnipresent unpleasantnesses which could *all* be removed were the airlines literally to clean up their act.

What is required is simply to double the fresh-air flow rate, and to introduce humidified air. Neither is currently anywhere near adequate, with, in particular, a quite unacceptable 2 per cent level of humidity when a comfort level is around 45 per cent.

Improvement along these lines, which would not be costly, would obviate the need for any smoking ban and would genuinely enhance passengers' well-being.

Yours faithfully,
CLIVE TURNER,
Director, Industry Affairs,
Tobacco Advisory Council,
Glen House,
Stag Place, SW1.
August 17.

Friends at court

From Mrs P. E. H. Lloyd-Hart

Sir, James Morton's article on litigants in person ("Seeking justice the hard way", August 3) made very interesting reading, but the impression it gives is that litigants in person are almost always bound to fail.

This is contrary to the experience of the Citizens Advice Bureau based in the Royal Courts of Justice. Since 1978 we have assisted many thousands of people each year through the complexities of High Court procedure. Most of our clients do not qualify for legal aid and they cannot afford a solicitor.

We have found that litigants in person usually know their own cases better than anyone else: when assisted by paperwork which has been properly prepared, they stand a good chance of success. This is particularly true of applications before a Master in Chambers.

Recently, we had a client who was facing repossession by a building society which refused to negotiate terms. We helped him to draft an application for a stay of execution of the possession order with an offer to pay off the arrears in instalments.

Our client was so upset and nervous that he had no recollection of the court proceedings. We later established that he had been successful and given time to pay. This is typical of many of our cases.

Funding needs to be made available so that all courts in the country can provide a similar independent service. Not only is it essential in the interests of justice, but it is also arguably one of the most cost-effective ways of saving the courts' time.

Recent legislation such as the Child Support Act, together with the drastic cuts in legal aid, will all contribute to a steep increase in the numbers of people forced to conduct their own litigation. On-the-spot advice will be crucial.

Yours faithfully,
P. E. H. LLOYD-HART,
Bureau Manager,
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Strand, WC2.

State schools and Muslim concern

From Baroness Blatch, Minister of State for Education

Sir, Both your leader of August 20 and Mr Ghulam Sarwar's letter (August 23) imply that the Secretary of State's decision in 1990 to turn down the application for voluntary-aided status for the Islamia primary school in Brent, north London, was found by the High Court to be "manifestly unfair". This is not the case.

The High Court judge stressed that there could be *no* criticism of the decision reached by the then Secretary of State. But the judge considered that there had been a mistake in the procedure adopted by the Secretary of State in reaching his decision, which led to manifest unfairness.

The applicants had submitted their application at a time when there had been an overall shortage of primary school places in Brent. By the time a decision was reached, the local education authority's estimates had changed and showed an overall surplus. This change had not been made known to the applicants, who had no opportunity to comment on the figures.

It was this that the judge regarded as manifestly unfair and accordingly quashed the Secretary of State's decision in 1992, adding that the matter must be considered in the light of the current situation. However, he said that the applicants had to appreciate that, although the Secretary of State would look at the case afresh, it was possible that he might reach exactly the same decision.

Yours sincerely,
EMILY BLATCH,
Department for Education,
Sanctuary Buildings,
Great Smith Street,
Westminster, SW1.
August 23.

From Mr Geoffrey Negus

Sir, Muslims who wish their children to be educated in schools where their own faith is paramount will, quite understandably, suspect racial bias if the state continues to support Anglican, Roman Catholic and Jewish schools — but not theirs.

In time, it is probable that adherents of other faiths will also apply for government support for their "own" schools. The potential complexity of the problem is mind-boggling. Perhaps it is time to question whether the state should support *any* school that is tied to one particular religion or denomination.

Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY NEGUS,
2 Heathcote Avenue,
Solihull, West Midlands.
August 19.

From Dr Anna S. King

Sir, The government is being extraordinarily shortsighted by failing to give aided status to the Islamia Muslim school. Here was an excellent opportunity to demonstrate equitable educational treatment to the Muslim community: instead the government has fuelled still further their legitimate sense of grievance.

Surplus places will disappear. Injustice will remain. As a non-Muslim I find such a state of affairs outrageous.

Yours faithfully,
ANNA S. KING,
139 Victoria Road, Cambridge.
August 18.

Hard at it

From Dr Geoffrey Sampson

Sir, After putting in eight hours in my university office on the Sunday and 12 hours on the Monday, I found it dispiriting yesterday to read Dr Haggerty's comments on the "deep stagnation" that besets universities during the vacations (letters, August 17).

It is obvious that in periods when the undergraduates are away the campus will look superficially tranquil, particularly since we dons are little given to high-profile activities like throwing Frisbees or strolling with ghetto-blasters.

But, in whatever corner of Leeds University Dr Haggerty's lab is located, he must surely have noticed that a university is engaged in many activities apart from the teaching of undergraduates, and that most of these continue unabated during the "holidays".

Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY SAMPSON,
Mountain Ash, Firwood Rise,
Heathfield, Sussex.
August 18.

Critics' choice

From Dr Amanda Simpson

Sir, This reader has had the opening of *The Tempest* ruined for her by Mr Bradley (letter, August 23). Reviews can be avoided; who could have imagined a spoilsport to be lurking at the bottom of the letters page?

Yours faithfully,
AMANDA SIMPSON,
Barrell Lane,
Longhope, Gloucestershire.

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COURT CIRCULAR

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
RICHMOND PARK

August 24: Princess Alexandra this evening attended a Gala Performance of "Ariadne auf Naxos" in aid of the Broomhill Trust at David Salomons House, Southborough, Tunbridge Wells, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Kent (the Lord Kingsdown).

The Lady Nicholas Gordon Lennox was in attendance.

The Textile Institute

The following have been elected as Fellows of the institute and are entitled to use the designation CText FTI after their name:

Ismar Glasman, Glasman Associates, London; Philip Hugh Greaves, Principal, Microtex, Otley, West Yorkshire; Samir Kumar Mukhopadhyay, Lecturer, University of Leeds, West Yorkshire; Anne Fritz, Senior Lecturer, University of Sydney, Australia; Gail Taylor, Principal Lecturer, Hong Kong Polytechnic; Mashud Ahmed, Lecturer (Technical), College of Textile Technology, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal will visit Dunblane Cathedral at 11.00; as visitor to Strathcarron Hospice, will open the new ward block at Randolph Hill, Denny, Stirlingshire, at 12.20; will open the Perth Royal Infirmary Development at 3.00; and, as President of the Save the Children Fund, will visit the shop at 12 Kinnoull Street, Perth, at 4.20.



Sean Connery, actor, is 63 today

Birthdays today

Mr Martin Amis, author, 44; Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Armitage, 63; Mr Conrad Black, chairman, *The Daily Telegraph*, 49; Lord Dunsany, 87; Sir Malcolm Field, former chairman, Navy, Army and Air Force Institutes, 56; Dr Desmond Flower, former chairman, Cassell and Company, 86; Mr Frederick Forsyth, author, 55; Mr Andrew Gardner, broadcaster, 61; Professor Peter Gray, master, Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, 67; Viscount Hardinge, 37; Mr Howard Jacobson, novelist and critic, 51; Sir Donald Logan, diplomat, 76; Lord McGregor of Durris, 72; Mr Brian Moore, novelist, 72; Mr David Richards, former deputy chairman, Monopolies and Mergers Commission, 65; Miss Margaret Rothwell, diplomat, 55; Sir Crispin Tickell, warden, Green College, Oxford, 63; Mrs M.S. Trenaman, former principal, St Anne's College, Oxford, 74; Professor Anne Warner, physiologist, 53.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Charles Etienne Camus, mathematician, Crécy-en-Brie, 1699; Allan Pinkerton, founder of the American detective agency, Glasgow, 1819; Bret Harte, writer, Albany, New York, 1836; Leonard Bernstein, composer, Lawrence, Massachusetts, 1918.

DEATHS: Sir Henry Morgan, buccaneer, Jamaica, 1688; David Hume, philosopher, Edinburgh, 1776; Alexander Carlyle, Moderator of the General Assembly, 1770, Inveresk, 1805; James Watt, engineer, Birmingham, 1819; Sir William Herschel, astronomer, Slough, Buckinghamshire, 1822; Michael Faraday, physicist, near Hampton Court, 1867; Friedrich Nietzsche, philosopher, Weimar, 1900; Henri Fantin-Latour, painter, Bure, France, 1904; Grigory Zinoviev, revolutionary, executed, Moscow, 1936; George, Duke of Kent, killed on active service, near Dunbeath, Scotland, 1942; George Lincoln Rockwell, American Nazi leader, murdered, Arlington, Virginia, 1967; Eyvind Johnson, novelist, Nobel laureate 1974, Stockholm, 1976; Truman Capote, writer, Hollywood, 1984.

Formation of a national government led by Ramsay MacDonald, 1931.

General de Gaulle entered Paris following its liberation by the Allies, 1944.

Political mudslinging over scheme for cheap houses on bacon factory site

Pioneering plan to revive town goes sour

By John Young

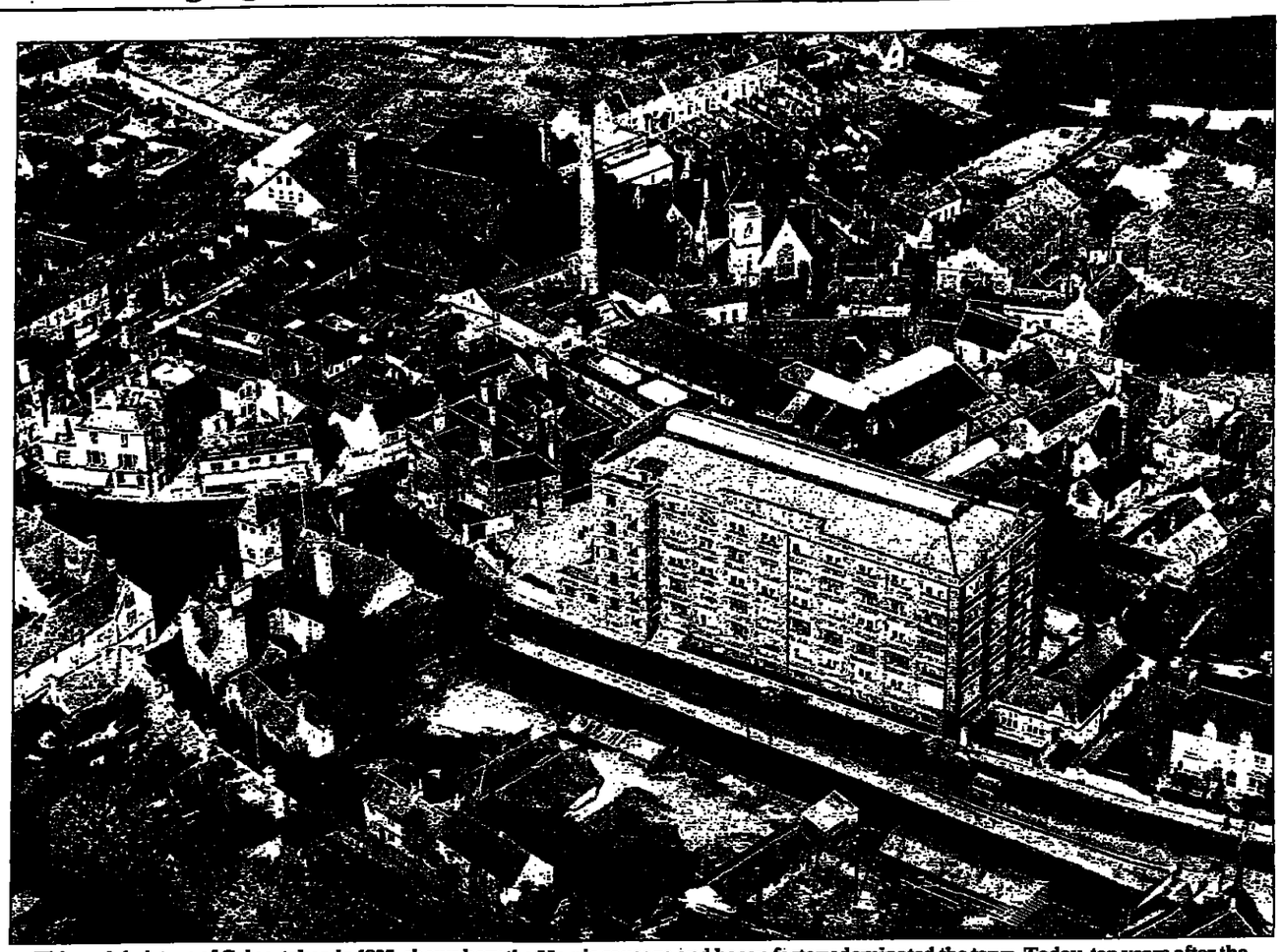
THE success of a pioneering project to revitalise the economy of a small town in Wiltshire, internationally acclaimed as a model for other towns in similar decline, is threatened by a heated dispute over the proposed use of a key site for low-cost housing.

The project, which was launched seven years ago with almost unanimous local support, has become a victim of political mudslinging. Its chairman says his fellow councillors are conducting a vendetta against him. Supporters of the housing scheme accuse their opponents of snobbery, and the mayor says: "It is just like *Clochemerle*. Everyone is at each other's throat."

Calne historically was an agreeable coaching town on the main road from London to Bath and Bristol. But from the early years of this century it became increasingly dominated by the sausage and bacon curing operations of C & T Harris, whose towering, malodorous factories occupied six acres of the town centre.

Their closure ten years ago was a devastating blow to the local economy. More than 1,200 jobs disappeared in a population of some 12,500. North Wiltshire district council acquired the sites, demolished the buildings, sowed the land with grass and awaited a developer.

In 1986 the Calne Project was established as a charitable trust with the backing of English Heritage, local business and community leaders, and the county, district and town councils. Among its first achievements was to persuade the Wiltshire Historic Buildings Trust to acquire and refurbish disused and derelict properties in the town centre.



This aerial picture of Calne, taken in 1935, shows how the Harris sausage and bacon factory dominated the town. Today, ten years after the building was demolished, the site is grassed over while a dispute goes on over whether it should be used for houses, flats and a car park

Further rehabilitation included new shops and housing, and various environmental improvements including landscaping the riverside. Richard Needham, the local MP and a Northern Ireland minister, was impressed enough to instigate five similar schemes in the province, and the project attracted visitors from Europe, Australia, Canada and the United States.

But today the centre remains an empty space, and two schemes for a shopping centre, supermarket and market square have come to nothing. The district council proposes to hand over part of the site to a housing association to build houses, flats, shops and a car park. The scheme has government borrowing approval and financial backing from the Housing Corporation, and the council describes it as "a remarkable and very real opportunity to breathe new life into the heart of the town".

Officials of the Calne Project, whose president is the Earl of Shelburne, owner of nearby Bowood House, are outraged. Gordon Michell, the project's director, says the site, which borders the busy A4, is unsuitable for housing, and that its use for such a purpose would jeopardise further commercial redevelopment. "We are up against people who have no environmental imagination."

Charles Hickling, the project's chairman, who is at loggerheads with his fellow district councillors, accuses them of short-term opportunism. "We are looking to the future of the town 25 or 50 years from now and we have got to get it right," he says.

But Jane Macpherson, Calne's mayor and chairman of the council's planning and development committee, says that Lord Shelburne and his supporters are professing concern about noise and pollution to conceal their "snobbish" aversion to housing associations. Five years ago, as chairman of the local civic society, she was a staunch supporter of the project and of Mr Michell, whom she described as "an internationally respected community architect".

She now thinks that the project "has reached the end of its useful life. People should be encouraged to live in the middle of towns, particularly old people who don't have cars and need easy access to shops".

Carol O'Gorman, who recently opened three shops in newly restored buildings, says that if the housing scheme is rejected, it will be years before anything is done. "People are tired of arguing and want to see something happening. Lord Shelburne and his friends are out of touch."

Archaeology

Ancient siege ramp was built by nature

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent

ONE of the most famous earthworks of antiquity, the great Roman siege ramp at Masada, the Jewish fortress near the Dead Sea, is largely a natural phenomenon, according to a recent study.

The coincidence of a geological fault line along the west side of the Masada plateau, and a surviving peak of later rocks banked against the side, left a triangular mass reaching almost to the top of the plateau. The Romans needed only to add a relatively thin layer of fill to complete this natural access to the fortress and take it by storm.

Masada, developed by the Israeli government as a potent symbol of resistance and national purpose, was first used by Herod the Great as a country palace in the first century BC. During the Jewish revolt against Rome in AD 66-73 it was fortified by the Zealots, and after the fall of Jerusalem in AD 70 was their final redoubt.

Flavius Silva, the new governor of Judaea, laid siege to the high, ship-shaped rock, investing it with a 3.6 kilometre wall studded with watchtowers, and manned by some 7,500 troops. The historian Josephus described the siege and its tragic end, when the last defenders committed suicide.

Josephus also noted the great assault ramp, described by Sir Ian Richmond in 1962 as being "as big as a railway embankment". The monumental scale of this last, effective means of storming the fortress has been accepted by almost everybody since, including Professor Yigael Yadin, who carried out a famous campaign of excavations at Masada in the 1960s.

The only doubter was the German General von Lammerer, who in 1933 concluded that the ramp was built on a natural spur, using a timber framework to retain the earth fill. The new study, by Dan Gill of the Geological Survey of Israel, suggests that he was right.

Most of the ramp's 250,000 cubic metres consists of a raised area of the chalk Menuha Formation, capped by a remnant patch of the dark chert Mishash Formation. Dr Gill reports in *Nature*. These rest against the earlier Bina Formation, uplifted by tectonic forces at this point to create the Masada plateau.

Streams cutting into the Menuha and Mishash rocks from north and south left an "elongated, funnel-shaped spur" some 225 metres long and spreading from 50 to 200 metres in width as it abutted the steep side of Masada. At its highest, the ramp is 74 metres above its base and 13 metres below the cliff-top.

It was this last gap that the Roman had to bridge, and Silva took full advantage of the natural ramp to carry up construction fill and raise the topmost part of the spur to accommodate his siege engines.

Josephus' account, the only contemporary source on the siege of Masada, has been called in question before: Dr Gill's data suggest that his description of the assault ramp was more than somewhat exaggerated, and that the Romans, at Masada as elsewhere, astutely seized any tactical advantages they were offered.

University news

Oxford

The following prizes have been awarded:

Bristol-Myers Prize in Cardiology 1993: Shehan Peter Hettiaratchy, Green College and Karim Raza, Brasenose College.

Ramón Silva Memorial Prize in Spoken Spanish: divided equally between Petra Hammerl, Queen's College and Karen Wilkin, Queen's College.

Martin Wronker Prize — for the best overall performance: Gary Richard Milner-Moore, St John's College; proxime accesserunt: Patricia Rachel Ferguson, Hertford College.

Prizes from the Martin Wronker Fund — for the best performance in the following papers:

Jurisprudence: Bruce Douglas Gardiner, St John's College; Tort: Patricia Rachel Ferguson, Hertford College; Land Law (jointly): Andrew James Dickinson, St Edmund Hall, Andrew Gerard Latimer, Hertford College; Trusts: Patricia Rachel Ferguson, Hertford College; Administrative Law: Susan Louise Davies, St John's College.

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Richards Butler Prize — for the best performance in International Trade: Jawdat Khurshid, St Catherine's College.

Norton Rose Prize — for the best performance in Company Law: Brian Douglas Cordery, Pembroke College.

Field Fisher Waterhouse Prize — for the best performance in EC Law: Thomas Orlando De La Mare, Trinity College.

Hertfordshire

The university has conferred professorships on Paul Kaye, the Head of its Engineering Research and Development Centre, and Dennis Brown, Reader in Modern English Literature.

Paul Kaye has been at the university since 1974 when he joined as a research assistant. In 1988 he was appointed Reader in Optoelectronic Engineering and two years later Head of the Engineering Research and Development Centre.

Professor Kaye's current research work includes a way of isolating and identifying hazardous airborne particles such as asbestos dust and micro-organisms.

Dennis Brown also started at the university in 1974 after lecturing in English at the University of Victoria in Canada and at Ahmadu Bello University, Northern Nigeria.

He has written many books on modern literature — discussing the works of such authors as James Joyce, Ezra Pound, T S Eliot and Wyndham Lewis. His book The Poetry of Postmodernity will be published next year.

Appointment

Dr John T Green, Senior Tutor at Queens' College, Cambridge, to be Executive Director of the Royal Society of Medicine from September 1.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A.J. Althaus and Miss L.D. Bailey

The engagement is announced between Justin, son of Sir Nigel and Lady Althaus, of Swallowcliffe, Wiltshire, and Lucy, daughter of the late Mr Trevor Bailey and the late Mrs Helena Bailey.

Mr J.M. Learmonth and Miss C.D.M. Pugh

The engagement is announced between Mark, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Learmonth, of Keighley, West Yorkshire, and Caroline, elder daughter of Mr John E. Pugh and Dr Patricia M. Pugh, currently of Bartlett, Illinois, USA.

Mr H. McAlpine and Miss E. Harrison

The engagement is announced between Hamish, son of Mr and Mrs Malcolm McAlpine, of Withyham, Sussex, and Emma, daughter of Mr Philip Harrison, of Los Angeles, California and Ms Evangeline Harrison, of Walham Grove, London.

Mr A.N. O'Hara and Miss L.S. Walker

The engagement is announced between Neil, elder son of Dr and Mrs Sydney O'Hara, of Hampstead, London, and Louise, eldest daughter of Mr William A. Walker and Mrs Marilyn Walker, of Wirral, Cheshire.

Mr A.P. White and Miss C.M. Thornton

The engagement is announced between Philip, only son of Mr Peter White and the late Mrs Delphine White, of Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, and Charlotte, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Thornton, of Hertford Heath, Hertfordshire.

Mr J.F.T. Whitworth and Miss A. Vakalopoulou

The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs John Whitworth, of Farley Chamberlayne, Hampshire, and Anastassia, daughter of Mr and Mrs George Vakalopoulos, of Athens.

Marriage

Mr C.J.A. Penney and Miss A.J. Maxwell

The marriage took place on Saturday, August 21, in Brantham, Suffolk, between Mr James Penney, son of the Rev William and Mrs Penney, of Haberdashers' Aske's School for Girls, Elstree, and Miss Alice Maxwell, daughter of Mrs Patricia Maxwell and the late Mr James Maxwell, of Fig Tree Cottage, Brantham, Suffolk.

Latest wills

Mr Frederick Donal **Barry**, of Uckfield, East Sussex, Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions 1953-65, left estate valued at £322,343 net.

Gladys **Carmichael**, of Bournemouth, Dorset, left estate valued at £950,053 net.

She left £50,000 to the Home of Rest for Horses, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, £20,000 each to the RAF Benevolent Fund, Guide Dogs for the Blind Association and Royal Navy Benevolent Fund, £10,000 to Arthritis Care, and the remainder of her estate to the Salvation Army.

Mr Robert Geoffrey **Mayall**, of New Milton, Hampshire, left estate valued at £581,589 net.

He left £90,000 to personal legatees, and the residue to the Salvation Army.

Other estates include (net, before tax):

Audrey **Belfield**, of London, SW10 ..... £795,355

Mrs Enid Eunice Sylvia **Bown**, of Dorchester, Dorset £667,486

Mrs Venetia Jane **Brudenell**, of London, SW1 ..... £2,185,059

Mr Arthur Holman **Dunn**, of Chagford, Devon £602,638

Mr Eric Stanley Fairfax **Deacon**, of Acle, Norfolk £587,847

Mrs Kathleen Mary **Hewitt**, of London SW20 ..... £673,469

Mrs Violet Elaine **Hosp**, of Ewhurst, Surrey £1,013,339

Mr Peter Barnes **Leeming**, of Carnforth, Lancashire £837,785

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BIRTHS

CHARLTON - On August 19th, to Fiona (née Clatworthy) and Peter, a son, James William, a brother for Alistair.

FAIRBAIRN - On 19th August 1993, to Sarah (née Griffin) and Robert, a beautiful daughter, Imogen Mary Collerpriest.

GIBBS - On 19th August, to Charlotte (née Randall) and Jack, a daughter, Miranda Rose.

GREENBECK - On August 21st at The Portland Hospital, a daughter, Mary Helen, to Ralph Griesenbeck and Rebecca Adams.

HAMILTON - On August 9th, to Freddie and Pippa, a daughter, Olivia.

KNOWLES - On July 21st, to Erica (née Stedman) and Peter, a son, William Radcliffe, welcome here.

LAVIELLE - On August 19th in Paris, to Annabel (née Curtis-Green) and Phillippe, a daughter, Nelly Alizée, a sister for Lucy.

LECKIE - On August 18th 1993 at the Lenox Hill Hospital, New York City, to Elizabeth (née O'Donnell) and Gavin, a son, Hamish Frederick.

MacIVER - On 23rd August 1993, to Kirsten Munk (née Groening) and Robert Andrew, a son, Sebastian Francis, a brother for Dominic and Anne-Marie.

MANNERS - On August 21st at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Heather (née Seal) and Richard, a daughter, Holly Constance.

BIRTHS

BILLINGTON-DRAKE - On 18th August, to Alice (née Williams) and Tarquin, a son, Hamish John.

MOSES - On August 23rd at Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton, to Justine (née Ritchie) and Julian, a son, Harry Sebastian.

POPPLEWELL - On August 21st, to Clare (née Finn) and Edmund, a son, Hugo Rory.

SHAW - On August 21st at The Portland Hospital, to Diana Downing and Brit Shaw, a beautiful baby boy, Wells Patterson Shaw.

STALEY - On August 21st, to Amanda (née Weston) and Mike, a daughter, Victoria Hannah, a sister for Jessica and George.

TODD - On August 22nd 1993 in Kuala Lumpur, to Fiona (née Donald) and Conrad, a son, Cameron Alexander Donald, a brother for India.

WALTERS - On August 23rd at St Thomas' Hospital, to Caroline (née Bulmer) and Alex, a son, Archie.

WILSON - On 8th August 1993, to Kate (née Emms) and Duncan, a son, Henry Joseph (Harry).

DEATHS

ABRAM - On August 19th, peacefully at Exeter Hospice, Madge Alice aged 82, of Budleigh Salterton. Wife of the late Rev. Norman Abram. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, Budleigh Salterton, on Tuesday September 7th at 2 pm. Family flowers only, donations in lieu if desired to Exeter Hospice, Dryden Road, Exeter EX2 5JJ.

DEATHS

BEAVAN - On August 19th 1993 peacefully at Swallowfield Nursing Home, Steyning, Alison (née Wood), widow of Raymond Meredith, late of the British Council. Service at Worthing Crematorium, Findon, on Tuesday August 31st at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations if wished to R.A.F.A. c/o Chalcraft, Steyning, Sussex.

BREWIS - On 23rd August, peacefully at home, Peter Errington C.B.E. Beloved husband of Nessa, dearest father and grandfather. Funeral Service to be held at Woodvale Crematorium, Brighton, at 3.45 pm on Friday 27th August.

DEELEY - On August 21st, peacefully in hospital, Joan (née Batty) in her 86th year. The very dear wife of Geoffrey and a much loved mother and grandmother. Funeral Service on Tuesday 31st August at 2.30 pm at the Tunbridge Wells Crematorium. All enquiries to E.R. Hickmott & Son (0892) 522462.

DRAYCOTT - On August 23rd 1993, Leslie N Draycott of Henfield, peacefully at home after a long bravely fought illness. Most dear husband of Audrey and dear father of Charles. Service on Friday 27th August at the Downs Crematorium, Bear Road, Brighton at 11.45 am. Enquiries to Hanningtons Funeral Directors Ltd., 4-6 Montefiore Road, Hove, Sussex. tel: (0273) 778735.

DEATHS

FRENLOCK - Michael Tom. Peacefully, last Friday. Father to four sons, brother to Audrey, granddaddy to Hannah and Gareth, partner to Carole. Inspiration to many. Friend to many more. Private cremation - donations to Kingston Hospital Summer Appeal. Were space not an issue a fitting tribute would be to fill this column with the names of all those feeling a great loss: A-K one day L-Z the next.

FRASER - On 22nd August, quietly at home after a period of failing health, Sir Bruce Fraser, KCB, formerly of H.M. Treasury, aged 82. Greatly mourned by his granddaughters Jessica and Lucy Harrison and by the members of his family. Cremation 3 pm Friday 27th August at Parc Gwyn Crematorium, Narberth, Carmarthen.

GREGORY - Phyllis Emily (née Rushen) quietly on 23rd August 1993. Loved wife of the late Melville. Much missed mother, grandmother and sister. Funeral Friday August 27th at Cambridge Crematorium at 4.30 pm.

KENNY - Thomas, on August 23rd, aged 74, peacefully at home. Devoted husband of Nan and much loved father of Deirdre and the late Simon. Requiem Mass on Friday August 27th at 10 am at Our Lady of Victories, Kensington High Street. Cremation private.

DEATHS

KHELKOFF-CHOUBERSKY - On August 22nd, suddenly at home, Joan (née Tomlinson), aged 72, widow of André. Beloved daughter, mother, stepmother, grandmother, sister and friend. Funeral Service at The Methodist Church, Norman Road, St Leonards-on-Sea, on Tuesday 31st August at 12.45 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to St Michael's Hospice, 25 Upper Maze Hill, St Leonards-on-Sea.

KING - On Sunday 22nd August after a short illness, Leslie Noel aged 81. Dearly loved husband of Irene, greatly missed by daughter Sheila and her family. Funeral Service at Holy Trinity Church, Cuckfield, Sussex, on Tuesday 31st August at 11.30 am followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, donations if desired to The Children's Society, Edward Rudolf House, Margaret Street, London WC1X 0JL.

LEWIS - On 21st August 1993, in hospital, Daniel Alexander, in Leeds, aged 83; formerly of the Midland Bank Executor and Trustee Company. Memorial at 11am on Thursday 2nd September at 2 Headingley Terrace, Leeds. No flowers please, but donations may be sent to the Stroke Association, CHSA House, 123-127 Whitechapel Street, London EC1Y 8JJ.

DEATHS

LOWE - On August 22nd 1993, peacefully in hospital, Leslie, aged 74 years. He will be sadly missed by his family and many friends. Funeral Service on Friday August 27th 1993 at Wesley Crematorium at 1.15 pm. Flowers or donations to Cancer Research may be sent to P.G. Oxley Ltd., 47 High Street, Walton-on-the-Naze, Essex, tel: (0255) 675849.

MANTEL - On August 22nd 1993 peacefully in Farnham Road Hospital, Guildford, Florence Alice aged 89. Much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Service at Guildford Crematorium on Saturday August 28th at 11.30 am. Family flowers only but donations in Florence's memory may be sent to Alzheimers Disease Society c/o J. Gorringe & Son, Funeral Directors, 55 Hare Lane, Godalming, Surrey, tel: (0483) 416403.

MAYNARD - On August 23rd, Richard, beloved of Vivienne and adored father of Nicholas, Mark and Nigel. Service, Friday 27th at 9.30am at Beckenham Crematorium, Elmers End Road. Dad, we will all miss you so much. No flowers, donations to St John's Ambulance.

MOORE - On August 24th, peacefully at St Gemma's Hospice, Moortown, Leeds, Josephine. Funeral Service to be held at Holy Trinity, Ripon, on Friday August 27th at 2.30 pm. Donations in her memory if wished to St Gemma's Hospice.

DEATHS

NEILL - Matthew Piers Thomas on Friday 20th August 1993, in Glenisla, Scotland. Greatly loved husband of Rosalin, father of Cecilia, son of Patrick and Caroline. Family funeral, St Lawrence's Church, Alfpuddle, Dorset, 2.45 pm, Friday 27th August. Memorial Service, St Lawrence Church, Jewry-next-Guildhall, 4.30 pm Friday 17th September.

PARKER - On August 21st, Esther Mary (Stella), wife of Michael E Parker of Knaresborough and mother of John G Hall and grandmother of Thomas Hall of London N8. Funeral service and cremation at Stonefall Crematorium, Harrogate, Friday August 27th at 3 pm. Family flowers only.

RAFTOPOULOS - Paul on August 22nd, peacefully at home, darling husband of Diane, loving and adored father of Alexander and great-grandfather. He will be sadly missed by all who were fortunate to know this special man. Funeral at St Sophia Orthodox Church, Moscow Road at 1.30 on 27th August.

RATCLIFF - On August 17th, John (Jack) Clifford Ratcliff OBE, AA Dip (Hons), FRSA, in Weymouth following a road accident, will be sorely missed by friends, architectural colleagues, neighbours and his two Godsons. Memorial Service at St Peter's Church, Church Knowle, Dorset, at 3 pm on Tuesday August 31st following 10 am cremation at Poole Crematorium. All enquiries to (0929) 422448.

DEATHS

ROCKE - Roy and Diane of Pendomer Manor, near Yeovil, Somerset, peacefully on 19th August 1993 after 45 years of very happy marriage. Cremation private. Please do not write or send flowers. All communications to Melanie Studdham, Messrs Batten & Co Solicitors. (0935) 23686.

ROTH - On August 23rd at home in Chichester, Stanley aged 86, the much loved husband of Pat and loving father of Diana and Richard and father-in-law of Penny and Paul of Poppy and Daisy. Funeral family only. Memorial Service to be announced. Donations if desired to R.N.L.I., c/o Edward White and Son, 6 South Pallant, Chichester, West Sussex PO19 1SY.

THORNHILL - On Tuesday August 3rd 1993, at Richmond, Virginia, USA, Barbara Van Dyke, Beloved wife of the late Rev. Alan Thornhill. Memorial Service at Mark Cross Church on Wednesday September 1st at 2.30 pm followed by burial of the Ashes at Rotherfield Cemetery. All enquiries please to Paul Bysouth Funeral Services, Crowborough, tel: (0892) 668000

MEMORIAL SERVICES

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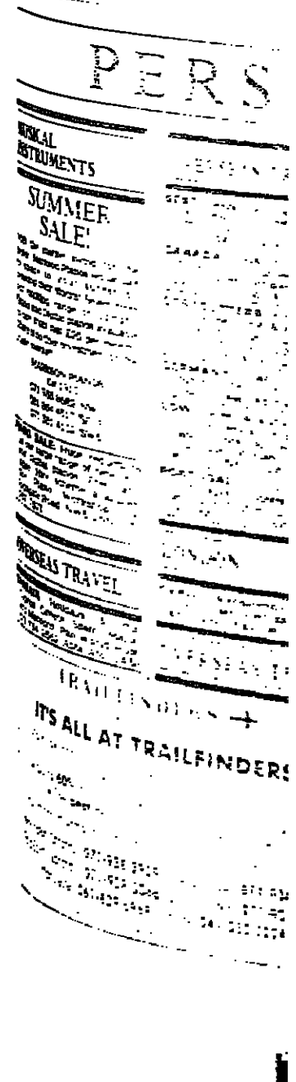
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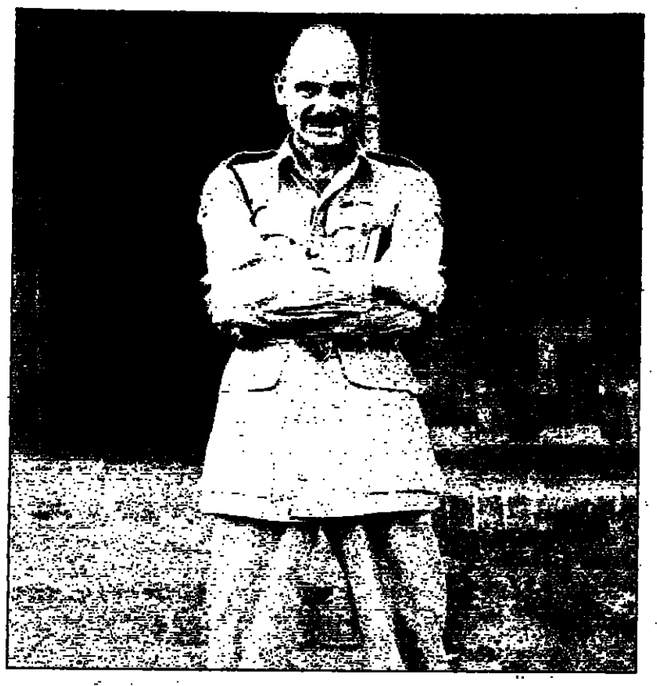


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OBITUARIES

BRIGADIER JOHN PACKARD

Brigadier John Packard, Army intelligence officer, died on August 15 aged 83. He was born on May 14, 1910.



FOR a period of thirty years, in which the strategic threat changed from being Nazi Germany to our former wartime ally the Soviet Union, John Packard was one of the most valuable intelligence assets at the British Army's disposal. Had the cast-iron proof of Germany's military build-up on the Western front in 1940 which he made available been listened to by Britain's political leadership, the disaster of the Battle of France might have been avoided. But though a string of distinguished visitors to the BEF and the French armies in the spring of 1940 was repeatedly told of the increase in German strength to well over a hundred divisions, neither Parliament nor the British people was informed.

Packard combined great brilliance as a linguist — he was fluent in German, French, Russian, Hindi, Urdu and Pashto — with an unusual ability to sink himself into the background of whatever national community he was operating in. In the 1930s he had been able to mingle unobtrusively with the fanatical enthusiasts who thronged the Nazi rallies. During the "phoney war" he chose to live in a French rather than a British army mess, a fact which led to close liaison and valuable intelligence exchanges between the two allies. Later, in Burma, his knowledge of Indian languages and his sensitivity to tribal politics created, likewise, intelligence of a very high order.

But his military career was not devoted purely to intelligence. He also thirsted for action and saw active service in both Burma and Korea.

John Packard was born in Belfast where his father was serving in the RAMC. When his father was posted to the Rhineland with the British army of occupation in 1921 Packard attended a local *Hauptschule*. There, over the next three years of his father's posting, he became fluent in German.

His own military career began in the ranks of the Middlesex Regiment. But he subsequently went to Sandhurst and was commissioned into the East Yorkshire Regiment. In the early 1930s during periods of service in various parts of India, including the North-west Frontier, he acquired Hindi/Urdu as well as Pashto (one of the two principal Afghan languages) and Russian.

By the mid-1930s, however, the Soviet threat to the British Empire via Afghanistan was taking second place in military thinking to the Hitler menace. Packard had already spent six months leave from regimental service in Graz in 1935-36 observing the political climate of that pro-Nazi Austrian city. He was now employed by the War Office to report on *Wehrmacht* expansion under the Hitler regime.

For three months in 1938 he lived with a German family in Berlin, reporting what he saw to the British assistant military attaché. Not daring to commit anything to paper, he checked every garrison for troop movements, while at the same time attending many Nazi rallies. Later in Heidelberg where he went, ostensibly on a language course, he lodged opposite an SS barracks mingling with the unit's troopers in pavement cafés and learning a good deal from loose talk. With no other cover but that of a British officer on leave, he would not have had a leg to stand on had his real purpose been guessed at by the SS.

In the spring of 1939 he was able to abandon this cloak-and-dagger existence for that of an official observer at Hungarian army manoeuvres on the Czechoslovak border just before Hitler's entry into Prague. When the British Expeditionary Force went to France in 1939 Packard went with it as part of an intelligence team reporting on German army deployments. His standing as an authority on the *Wehrmacht* was such that he was asked to give daily briefings to the BEF's commander, Lord Gort, at General Headquarters at Arras. Living as he did in a French mess, he was able to bring to these briefings the best of French intelligence, greatly adding to their value since the French Army was in direct contact with the Germans on parts of its front. Alas, notwithstanding the steady stream of British government ministers who also attended these briefings, warnings of a massive German build-up in the west, after the defeat of Poland, went unheeded.

Back in Britain after Dunkirk Packard led an investigation team which interrogated 200 German PoWs who had been captured during the Battle of France. Subsequently he went to Iceland where he set up and commanded a tactical school. Among his trainees were veterans of the recently lost Norwegian campaign to whom he taught modern infantry tactics and arctic warfare.

After further home service he was posted to Assam where Slim's 14th Army was preparing to sustain the Japanese thrust into India. As GSOI in Assam, Packard's knowledge of Indian languages was invaluable in organising weapon training and raising morale among the local tribesmen. During the desperate struggle for Imphal in the spring of 1944 he flew several times into the beleaguered town.

But, though he was a fine staff officer, he pined for action and was, by the spring of 1945, allowed to take command of the 1st Battalion East Yorkshires just after the Battle of Meiktila. He commanded it on the advance to Rangoon until the end of the war in the Far East.

After the war he served in staff appointments on the Military Security Board in Berlin and Koblenz, and on the Allied Control Commission for Austria. But with the coming of the 1950s he was back on active service, and saw some brisk fighting in Korea.

His final Army appointment was also one of the most delicate he had to undertake. In 1960 he was appointed chief of the British Military Mission to the Soviet commander in Germany, based at Potsdam. Although the mission was accredited to the Soviet forces, its cars were followed by East German Stasi agents wherever they went. This officiousness caused several unpleasant incidents. On one occasion Packard's car and an accompanying vehicle were blocked in, front and rear, by Stasi cars and then attacked by the East German agents with sticks and stones. Packard and his staff were pulled out and roughed up, while their cars were searched. On another occasion an East German border guard shot and wounded one of Packard's staff. Shortly afterwards Packard returned home.

In retirement Packard served from 1961 as head of information of Fison's in Suffolk where he was also active on the local district council. But in 1970, in poor health, he moved to London to a flat in the Barbican. He continued in public life as a Common Councilman of the City of London and was a sidesman at St Giles Cripplegate. He was also a member of the "Cogers" debating society in Fleet Street.

He leaves his widow Faith (who had served in the ATS in the war and been one of its youngest personnel to serve on the General Staff at the War Office) and their four sons and a daughter.

MARTIN FAGG

Martin Fagg, schoolmaster and champion weekend competition winner, died of heart disease at Wareham, Dorset, on August 16 aged 64 He was born on May 15, 1929.

TO SEE Martin Fagg in his full glory one had to be present at one of the Christmas parties that weekly periodicals used to give for those who most regularly triumphed in their literary competitions. In an array of talent — the guests were expected to wear labels revealing their various *noms de plume* — the quiet, short-sighted schoolmaster from Chichester invariably stood out. With more name-tags across his chest than anyone else, he could have been mistaken for a Bolivian general.

The conventional wisdom might, of course, be that it was a tragedy that a man of such wide reading and inventive gifts never produced a major work of his own. But this was to miss the point. The essence of Fagg's talent lay in its diversity.

Martin Fagg was born in Bromley, which was his parents' home and remained his base until he moved to Chichester. He went to Bromley County School for Boys and from there to Oxford, where he read English at Worcester College, later taking a Diploma in Education.

He enjoyed a varied teaching career, including some time in America and two years in New Zealand. Subsequently, he taught at the King's School, Worcester, and finally moved to Chichester as head of the English Department at the Boys' High School, continuing to live there following his retirement. In his last years, though, he acquired a house in Wareham, which he visited frequently.

He was an outstanding teacher, an excellent communicator, not only with those who shared his interests and were academically bright, but also with other difficult and slower pupils whom he inspired with his love of literature.

Towards the end of his time (during which the school had changed from a grammar school to a comprehensive) he engaged in a series of "retirements" after leaving officially, neatly fitting in the requests to help for a term or two with the trips abroad to which he had become addicted. (He was able to indulge more liberally in these once his various Nellie Melba farewells were over.)

Cards would arrive from every corner of the globe, sometimes followed by the confession that he had acquired a stake in the country concerned — a wild patch of Scotland, a flat in Cape Town.

Meanwhile, he had established himself in a number of concurrent careers, in which his wide knowledge of history and literature was well used. He reviewed extensively for the *Times Educational Supplement* and the *Church Times*, ran courses in creative writing and lectured on literary subjects at the Old Rectory, Fittleworth.

But the absorbing occupation of his spare time for many years was his contribution to the literary competition pages of the *New Statesman*, *The Spectator* and the *TES* (later judging for that paper under the alias of "Charybdis").

Martin Fagg was, arguably, the champion competitor of all time, submitting an extraordinary variety of parodies, pastiches, and original pieces under his own name and an extensive range of pseudonyms (reputedly fourteen of them). It was not unusual for three of these to feature in a clutch of four prize-winners.

Together with his fellow-competitors he contributed over the years to the comic collections of E. O. Parrott. (*How to be Ridiculously Well Read in One Evening* etc) and poems of his were also included in Kenneth Baker's *Unauthorised Versions* and *The Oxford Book of Light Verse* as well as other anthologies.

His prose parodies (Dickens, Chekhov, C. P. Snow *et al*) were equally brilliant; he also contributed to the BBC's "Morning Story".

He was keenly interested in the theatre and in music, building up an impressive library of LPs and expressing delight at the frequent bargains he managed to secure. He was particularly devoted to opera and greatly enjoyed playing Wagner *fortissimo* as well as discussing the finer points of live and recorded performances with other enthusiasts.

Although he never married, Martin Fagg was a man with many friends. Guaranteed to enliven any party, he enjoyed his role as a popular guest. Many who met him for the first time would never have guessed that he was prone to cyclical depression; it seemed particularly sad that his recent recovery from a severe depressive bout was followed by the discovery of the heart condition from which he died.

DR J. S. HAMILTON

J. S. Hamilton, the doctor who dealt with the penultimate smallpox outbreak in Britain, died on August 11 aged 76. He was born on March 12, 1917.



TO HAVE been appointed to the post of medical officer of health in a city famed for its high death rate and above-average level of sickness was to face a daunting task. But to contain an outbreak of smallpox there as well might be seen as mission impossible. Dr Joseph Stewart Hamilton not only did both — he did more.

J. S. Hamilton — as he preferred to be titled — was appointed deputy medical officer in pollution-ridden Stoke-on-Trent in 1950, and became medical officer of health three years later. At the time of his arrival the city was plagued by pea-soup smogs which emanated from its numerous belching pottery kilns. Dubbed the unofficial pollution capital of Britain, Stoke-on-Trent's ceramic industry was responsible for the early deaths of thousands of people. The local joke was that it was only possible to photograph the Potteries in Wakes week.

Hamilton was appalled by the situation and was actively involved in the introduction of the first Clean Air Act, which was passed in 1956. By 1974, 50 per cent of the city was a smoke controlled zone and death rates had been reduced dramatically.

But before that the Five Towns had been through one bad scare. On May 9, 1966, Hamilton issued a message to the people of Stoke-on-Trent gripped by the terror of Britain's penultimate smallpox outbreak. "'Don't Panic,' says Dr J. S. Hamilton" read the front-page headline of the local evening paper.

Hamilton helped to trace the source of the outbreak — a photographer, who was a frequent visitor to a shop in Walsall — and his findings subsequently appeared in a report in the medical journal, *The Lancet*. The photographer had continued to visit the shop in February while he had a profuse rash on his face. A shop assistant then reported she had a similar rash. The infection spread when the young woman visited a youth club.

From other youth club members the disease passed on to their families. From Willenhall and Blythe Bridge, where the photographer and his parents lived, the infection spread to Stoke-on-Trent when the photographer's father met up with a friend. A total of 22 cases were reported throughout the outbreak of whom 14 were detained in hospital. None proved fatal.

Hamilton in his wisdom decided not to be panicked into setting up a mass vaccination programme, although he did insist on the vaccination of all contacts of the people affected. He quarantined the suspects in local hospitals and, nearly ten weeks after the first case, North Staffordshire was given the all clear.

Born in Scotland, Joseph Stewart Hamilton graduated at Aberdeen University, where he met his future wife Lena, a nurse. The couple married while in Cairo, where they were both serving during the second world war. After his arrival in the Potteries, Hamilton set about a slum-clearance programme which resulted in 15,500 new houses being built, and, in the words of one of his former colleagues at the time of his retirement in 1987, "the improvement of the lives of more than a quarter of a million people".

He is survived by his wife and their two sons and a daughter, all three of whom became doctors after studying medicine at the same medical college as their father.

In addition to the son mentioned in the obituary of George Keyt (August 23), he is survived by two daughters, Diana Beirne-Keyt and Flavia C. Keyt.

ETHELWYNN TREWAVAS

Ethelwynn Trewavas, one of the world's experts on fishes, died at her home in Reading on August 16 aged 92. She was born on November 5, 1900.



"ET", as she was affectionately known, was a dedicated ichthyologist with a worldwide scientific reputation. One of the first three women to be appointed to the staff of the British Museum (Natural History), and eventually head of the Fish Section, her contacts led to friendships around the world and her work involved foreign travel, particularly to African lakes and rivers to study their fishes.

Her scientific achievements included fundamental research into Anura (frogs), deep sea fishes, and the remarkable species flocks of endemic cichlids in African lakes. She wrote over 100 meticulously researched scientific contributions, culminating in a large definitive book on tilapiine cichlids, important food fishes throughout the tropics, both in natural waters and cultured in fishponds. Her work on the systematic relationships of cichlids and other fishes, is basic for studies of mechanisms of evolution and for understanding biodiversity.

Born in Cornwall of Cornish stock, Ethelwynn Trewavas was educated at St Paul's School, Penzance, and at West Cornwall College for Girls. In 1921 she graduated with honours in zoology at University College, Reading. In 1925 she gained a University of London research scholarship which she held at King's College for Women (Household and Social Sciences), though her research subject, chosen after consultation with Dr Tate Regan and Dr H. W. Parker at the British Museum (Natural History), was on the anatomy of frogs.

When he was later appointed director of the Natural History Museum, Tate Regan needed a research assistant. ET started on this work in 1928, though she was not on the established staff until a vacancy in the Fish Section occurred in 1935 (she then joined the first two women staff members appointed in 1928-29).

Her early work with Tate Regan was on the "Dana" collection of deep sea fishes, made during the Danish expedition on which Johannes Schmidt established the life-history of the European eel; and from which she described remarkable deep sea angler fishes with telescopic eyes.

Her next assignment was to study the Christy collections of chichlid fishes brought back from Lakes Nyasa (Malawi) and Tanganyika. This led her to a lifelong love affair with the evolution of chichlid fishes in African lakes, which provide the world's best examples of intralacustrine vertebrate evolution.

In 1938 when the Colonial Office mounted a fisheries survey of Lake Nyasa as part of a nutrition survey, ET joined John Borley and Kate Ricardo (later Bertram) for four months on the lake. The survey was interrupted by the second world war, during which time the Natural History Museum's type specimens had to be moved away from London air raids, involving much reorganisation of the national collections. ET also took over the compilation of the fishes section of the *Zoological Record*.

At this time ET also became honorary secretary of the Council of Women Civil Servants, a group of senior women civil servants campaigning for removal of the marriage bar for women in government and civil service, equal opportunity and equal pay for equal work (objectives finally gained at a later date).

In 1945 ET was appointed a member of the Fisheries Advisory Committee to the Secretary of State for the Colonies. For several years she helped train fishery officers appointed to overseas territories. This also led to overseas visits: in 1947 she spent two months in Nigeria advising the fisheries development unit and it was here she became interested in grey mullets (important food fishes). In 1965 she visited Tanzania, Zambia and Malawi, which resulted in many scientific papers and help to fisheries officers.

In 1970 ET accompanied Professor Jim Green and her niece Sally Corbet (both of Westfield College, London) to the Cameroon lakes where they discovered flocks of chichlid species that had evolved in small crater lakes. In 1981 she visited the Kenyan Bamburi tilapia culture station; despite her 81 years she took to goggling and fish-watching, balanced precariously in a small canoe along the reef edge.

In 1985 she returned to Lake Malawi in connection with the book on Malawian chichlid fishes produced with David Eccles in 1989. In later years she gave much help to aquarists, appreciating how their observations on fish behaviour illuminate biological problems.

ET was a member of many scientific societies. The Linnean Society of London awarded her their Gold Medal in 1968, and elected her a fellow *honoris causa* in 1991. In the same year she received an honorary doctorate from the University of Stirling. More than a dozen fish species have been named in her honour.

ET set the highest standards of scholarship, and she was always generous with her time to help others. Very conscientious but with a great sense of humour, she completed much of her research purely for the interest and fun of it after her official "retirement".

ET never married, but is survived by her sister, Sylvia March, whose home she shared.

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This implies no lack of appreciation of the share which Hutton and others had played in building up England's enormous total of 903; nor does it overlook the splendid bowling of Bowes and of K. Farnes, but it is a plain statement of fact that this Australian team bereft of Bradman is a very ordinary batting side, bearing but a feeble resemblance to recent Australian teams which contained such players as Woodfull and Ponsford.

Had Bradman and Fingleton been able to bat there is no knowing how many runs Australia would have made, or how long the game would have lasted, although it was admitted generally that England, having won the toss and having made full use of a perfect wicket, had already won the match . . .

The score in the morning stood at 117 for three wickets with Brown and Barnes facing Farnes and Bowes, and it was not long before Barnes was surprised by the pace of a ball from Farnes which flew off his bat only just short of second slip's feet . . . The eighth, and last, wicket fell when Hammond, fielding at leg slip, held a catch at the second attempt from a sweep to leg by Brown.

Australia accordingly went in again soon after 1 o'clock 702 runs behind. This time the runs came fairly freely from the first few overs, Badcock once making a beautiful off-drive off Bowes before his leg stump was sent hurtling out of the ground. In the very next over McCabe, flourishing his bat in a manner significant of what the batsman thought of the state of affairs, was caught at the wicket, and at the luncheon interval, with the score at 31 for two wickets, it was no more than a question of time before the game was over . . .

Verity continued bowling at one end, which accordingly remained, if not closed, at least ajar, in so far as scoring was concerned, and he took the next wicket when Barnes, attempting a little too much in trying to hit the ball among the trams, was leg-before-wicket. Waite was out first ball, caught at silly point, and two runs later Barnett had one of his stumps uprooted by Farnes . . .

It was the custom when the last man was in and a catch was offered in the deep to Denton, to remove the bails without watching the ball fall to rest in his certain hands. Wood, considering that Hardstaff was equally reliable, pulled up the stumps to keep as a souvenir, but Hardstaff dropped the catch, and Chester had to replace the stumps. Not for long, however, as Fleetwood-Smith gave a catch to mid-on which was held, and the crowd were free to pour across the ground to pay the conventional compliments to Englishmen and Australians alike . . .

ON THIS DAY

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Hutton, 364, Leyland 187 and Hardstaff 169 n.o. contributed to the grand total of 903 — still a Test record; Yorkshire folk said, "What more could you expect with five of us there?" (Hutton, Leyland, Wood, Verity and Bowes).

On the eve of the Edinburgh International Television Festival, BBC2 unveils its response to the challenge from

Behind the man from Auntie

Alexandra Frean talks to Michael Jackson as he launches BBC2's autumn season

The new autumn schedule launched this week by Michael Jackson, boy wonder of television and recently appointed controller of BBC2, bears the hallmarks of a man bred in the television age.

As well as a smattering of revivals, such as *The Wednesday Play* where many of today's leading programme makers cut their teeth in highly politically charged one-off dramas, the new schedule will also introduce some novelties, such as a series of 90-second poetry programmes between the main shows.

It is Mr Jackson's first schedule since becoming controller of BBC2 in April at the age of 35, and it could not have been better timed. BBC2 is facing the biggest challenge in its 29-year history from its main rival, Channel 4. Since the start of Channel 4's separation from ITV in January of this year, when it began to sell its own advertising (for the first ten years of its life, ITV sold Channel 4's advertising and paid the new channel a subscription in return), the channel has unexpectedly increased its audience share from an average of about 10 per cent last year to 11 or 12 per cent — close to the 12 or 13 per cent regularly commanded by BBC2.

Looking relaxed as he prepares to chair the Edinburgh Television Festival this weekend, Mr Jackson is clearly relishing the prospect of a sustained spat with Channel 4.

A cynical interpretation might be that as one of the campaigners for the creation of Channel 4 in 1982, and as one of the station's first programme makers — he was commissioned to produce his first show for it at the age of 24 — he cannot help but feel quite pleased at its healthy ratings. More importantly, however, the relative success of Channel 4 is imperative to Mr Jackson's view of the long-term future of television in Britain. "I see this as the age of minority television. It goes with the grain of the times," he says.

Despite the mushrooming in Britain of satellite television stations offering a staple diet of programmes imported from America, Mr Jackson believes that there is still a huge demand for traditional network stations offering a mix of programme types. Far from being pessimistic about the new competition, Mr Jackson says he is encouraged by it. He believes that, against the backdrop of the new channels, demand for the type of material originated by BBC2 and Channel 4 will remain firm.

"British audiences have not shown a huge appetite for imported American television programmes. They just do not work in British schedules," he says.

Mr Jackson is acutely aware of the sensitivities of viewers. "Times have changed since we all sat reverentially in front of the box, curtains drawn, bathed it its blue glow, like a scene from a Steven Spielberg film. Television audiences now feel more in control."

This slightly romantic image betrays Mr Jackson's own emotional attachment to television. He embraced it with wide-eyed enthusiasm as a child in Macclesfield, Cheshire, in the 1960s and has remained devoted to it ever since. He can still quote ITV's Wednesday night schedule from 1972 and seems genuinely surprised that contemporaries cannot.

"I grew up in a quiet environment and was intrigued by television. There was this thing in the corner of the room, full of static. It was enormous — an extraordinary time," he says. "You could see politicians learning about television; people were having to learn the grammar of the medium as it grew and developed. The early Frost programmes were full of a raw energy that we have completely lost today." Television has grown up and so has its audience. Not only have today's viewers become more sophisticated, Mr Jackson says, but they are increasingly technologically literate and interested in writing their own schedules, either by using their video recorders, which allow them to choose when to watch, or by "grazing", dipping in and out of programmes. "In future, there will be two kinds of television. The themed cable and satellite channels on the one hand, and on the other, traditional stations, such as BBC2, that concentrate on more than just one genre," he says.



Michael Jackson, controller of BBC2: "I just get a sense for what *I* want to watch — and then do it"

This may sound like wishful thinking, but Mr Jackson points out that even in America, where dozens of cable and satellite channels have been available for years, the three main networks — NBC, CBS and ABC — still command 60 per cent of the audience.

In the new television age, the notion of audience share, he says, will become less relevant. He believes that the idea of keeping an audience for a whole evening's viewing is very old fashioned. What matters more now is to consider whether a station has offered one programme of value to watch during the course of an evening.

But then, doesn't Mr Jackson have the advantage of controlling a channel, which is not *meant* to be popular? Rubbish, he says. "Minority does not necessarily mean small. Many programmes such as *Top Gear* [BBC2's motoring show] are watched by more than five million people."

Mr Jackson believes that by combining stalwarts such as *Top Gear* with a few quality cult strands dug up from the past and reworked, such as *The Wednesday Play* or the *Scene* series of dramas for schools television, mixed with new formats such his 90-second *Poems on the Box* programmes, he can meet the competition from Channel 4 head on *and* avoid conflict with the new satellite broadcasters. He envisages more programmes on leisure and a greater emphasis on themed seasons of programming. One new development will be joint seasons with BBC1.

It is a strategy based on an instinct for what makes good television. Although he professes reverence for research and statistics and has a reputation, unusual in the industry, for listening to other people's ideas, Mr Jackson admits that his best ideas are purely instinctive. (BBC2's *TV Hell*, an evening of television's worst programmes shown last year, was born out of one such flash.) "I just get a sense for what *I* want to watch — and then do it," he says.

As the BBC faces growing criticism for falling ratings and potentially explosive competition from a multiplicity of new commercial channels, that may seem an unscientific approach. You cannot help, but suspect, however, that it might just work.

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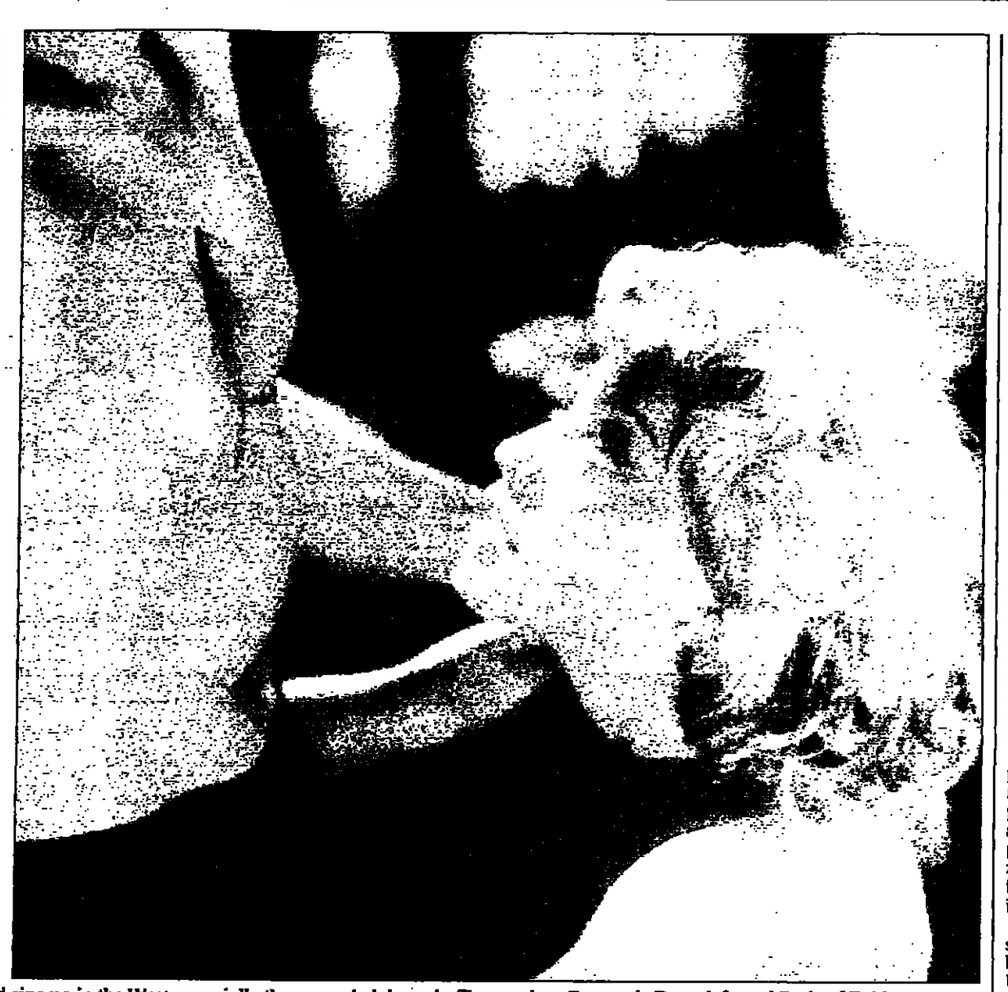
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Channel 4; Russian screens are filled with sex and violence from the West; and pensioners seek cut-price television





After 70 years of censorship, the Russians are enjoying the worst excesses of television and cinema in the West, especially the sex and violence in films such as Reservoir Dogs, left, and Body of Evidence

Why must we show this face to Russia?

Russia is undergoing a massive Thatcherite cultural revolution. Indeed, last month Baroness Thatcher received an honorary doctorate there. Even in the far flung Siberian city of Krasnoyarks, the sports hall houses an exhibition of Romanian furniture, while in the marble-clad museum, the statue of Lenin gazes on an array of Bosch refrigerators. Everything is for sale.

For Britons facing intense commercialisation of radio and television, there are lessons from Russian media. Lightly censored, they are now controlled only by old habits and market forces. In a state in which the word was a main tool of totalitarianism, people gave their lives for freedom of speech. Now newspapers and books survive through their ability to attract advertising or to sell in large quantities. *De facto* economic censorship has replaced the political: at least 50 important manuscripts can find no publisher. They circulate in typescript like the *samisdat* of old.

On Russian radio and television, official voices have been replaced by previously banned pop music and high-key commercials, selling products still far out of reach of ordinary Russians. Never having seen advertising before, they are utterly vulnerable to its messages. These are reinforced by the programmes, largely American action films and soap operas, during which the advertisements run along the bottom of the television screen.

Western values are absorbed without a filter: not only Mercedes for the new business mafiosi, but Whiskas and Snickers bars lead pet owners and parents into debt to meet the standards on the screen.

Lady Thatcher once lectured Russians about economic freedom, family values, and free speech. What, then, does she make of the twin signs of liberation, crime and pornography, which appear increasingly in the streets and on television here? This is not unique to Russia. In every Western country, as the number of channels increases, so does the temptation to use sex and violence to attract viewers. Continental television stations abound with soft porn, while cable and video offer harder stuff.

But our commitment to free speech means we must tread carefully when limiting such a basic democratic tenet. In Britain, we do so for our children. We have the 9pm watershed on television, and the British Board of Censors, which draws the final line at the use of children and animals even for videos, as neither can protect themselves from exploitation. No such limits protect Russian children as viewers or as victims.

In marked contrast to our restrictions on sex, we have been astonishingly tolerant towards violence, especially in films, as special effects become more sophisticated. Violence is illegal and harmful — yet it has evolved into a dehumanised sport for video games played even by toddlers. But there is still no clear evidence to support the prime minister's efforts to link violence in the streets to television. Moreover, British viewers have seen far less than a typical American 12-year-old who has been exposed to 11,000 onscreen murders.

But while pressure mounts to reduce violence on Western television, this is the legacy we have handed the Russians to enjoy after 70 years of censorship. Free to watch action movies and porn, they no longer go to the theatre, ballet, and cinema or read books in huge numbers.

The Russian cinema, which drew millions of all ages and classes to its masterworks, has collapsed. Its best directors cannot raise funds — much as British cinema has yet to recover from the competition of television and American imports.

Here is the conundrum for Western conservatives and liberals alike: freedom of speech in a free market leads millions into a moral vacuum, in which commercial pressures take us away from the aspirations of our education, our religion, our "family values".

In Hollywood today, a Harvard-educated producer previews action films in Watts, a largely black area. If audiences stop shouting at the screen, it means they are listening to the dialogue — which is bad. The film is recut to achieve still stronger reactions. Extra scenes are added to mainstream feature films. Adventure movies such as *Cliffhanger*, a film with an 18 certificate, contain lengthy scenes of sadism, and racial and sexual stereotypes. We are selling violence as a Western product. Did those of us who fought for cultural freedom, really have this in mind?

Ironically, even while tolerating such brutality in films, we sanitise our news. The violence in Bosnia is far worse than we have seen on British screens. Foreign journalists see British coverage as surprisingly bland, while they regard our drama as lurid. Russian news has taken to "actuality" coverage of crime in the streets. They have no limits, and film murder victims live, so to speak. The use of crime as "reality entertainment" has swept American television, and will soon achieve similar prominence in Britain.

What feels especially relevant — and sad — about the Russian experience is the decline of respect for activities not directly connected with money. That is the objection to the marketing ethos in the BBC. The licence fee is intended to avoid commercial pressures. Many joined the BBC to make programmes for their own sake, not for profit. They believed in Lord Reith's notions of public service even as many Russians believed they were working for the good of the Russian people. Honest and dignified souls on both sides of the former Iron Curtain now feel the new economic reality measures the price of everything but the value of nothing, that new cars, golden handcuffs and commercial spinoffs may be shrewd and legal, but they are not part of a culture of quality that informs, entertains and inspires.

This is the goal of those now running the BBC. They are among the most talented people in British television. But just as the symbolic language of Stalinism was taken seriously in Russia, so are the symbols of capitalism. If we want to promote values that young people — especially those who have nothing — can believe in, we must do more than just censor the violence on our screens. We must set an example.

This deserves a serious national debate (not just among television professionals in Edinburgh, useful though that may be), not to be treated as a political football, in which gut feelings and entrenched opinions on both sides stop us from listening, and if need be, changing our minds. We need to come to grips with what is at stake in the next decade of television. We need more research into the effects of television on young people, and we must urgently restore media education to the national curriculum. It will not do to leave these decisions to the market place, nor to politicians and political appointees who watch little television themselves, and whose judgments are inevitably as limited as their world view.

ROGER GRAEF

Is TV too much for the old?

What are the arguments for a lower and universal television licence fee for the elderly?

The first centres on justice and need. In terms of income and concessions, British pensioners trail behind their European peers. Ireland, for example, has just granted 95,000 retired people free colour television licences. Our pensioners pay a disproportionate amount of their income on the licence — just imagine the Chancellor asking a young couple for a £450 fee, the equivalent, in earned income, of what pensioners pay for their television licence.

There are those, Age Concern and others (including the government), who believe that the retirement pension should be sufficient to allow independence and freedom from concessions. To this, those campaigning for a lower and universal licence say: "Hear, hear!" but while we are waiting for pigs to fly we have to fill the breach.

The truth is that many elderly people *need* television. There is more disablement among elderly people than in any other age group and less mobility (the "free" bus pass is a myth). Whatever media zealots claim, there are relatively few Lycra-clad grey panthers leaping through hoops.

True, television viewing is a sedentary pursuit. But it need not be passive. Documentaries, Open University programmes and current affairs keep pensioners in the swim rather than leaving them dead-eyed and dull-witted.

Loneliness is rife among elderly people, and a great number of those who care for them find that snatched moments in front of the television screen relieve their fatigue and isolation.

Those who consider concessions patronising should consider The Savoy Hotel in London, which suffers from the benefit of being able to run 15 television sets with one licence, or Harrods, which pays only a few pounds for running all the sets in the shop.

Many would throw out the idea of a cut in the fee on financial grounds (as Peter Brooke, the heritage secretary, has done), yet the cost would not be as bad as many fear, after the rendering down of the fat encasing the BBC.

At the moment, only pensioners living in sheltered accommodation run by housing associations can receive the £5 concessionary licence, although a diminishing number of others still enjoy the concession having been granted it under rules which have now changed. If this consession were abolished those who currently receive a concessionary licence would pay a little more, many more would pay less.

Nailing more licence-evaders — very few of them elderly, I would wager — could put another £100 million in the pot.

NEIL PATRICK

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NEWS

More Iraqi defections predicted

■ Two veteran Iraqi ambassadors who have defected to Britain vowed to fight for the overthrow of President Saddam Hussein and admitted that they had taken nearly £250,000 from an embassy safe to help the cause.

British diplomats predicted that their move could have a domino effect: forcing Saddam to recall other ambassadors who might choose to demonstrate their anger..... **Pages 1, 10**

Portillo warns of higher taxes

■ Michael Portillo, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, in an article in *The Times*, gives the most explicit warning yet that taxes may have to rise in the Budget. He says the government's spending policy is tougher than ever it was under Margaret Thatcher — but even that may not be enough to cut the public deficit fast enough ..... **Pages 1, 14**

Air drop hope

Tens of thousands of starving, besieged and desperate Muslim civilians in the city of Mostar put their faith in US air drops of aid after UN efforts to relieve their two month ordeal ground to a halt..... **Pages 1, 9**

Arts decline

A dramatic decline in vacancies on degree courses in the arts and social sciences is confirmed in *The Times* higher education opportunities survey ..... **Pages 1, 4**

U-boat memories

A former RAF gunner recalled the moment 48 years ago when his Liberator bomber sank the German U-boat which has been salvaged off Denmark..... **Page 2**

Britain hits back

Britain took up the cudgels against the German press.Sir Nigel Broomfield, Britain's ambassador to Bonn, said he was "amazed" by the aggressive tone of commentaries on British involvement in Bosnia ..... **Page 9**

Double murder

A devoted brother and sister who saw off an intruder recently were found murdered in their east London flat, where they had lived for 46 years. William Bryan, 71, and Anne Castle, 74, were discovered by police after neighbours raised the alarm..... **Page 3**

Women and medicine

Readers reply to *The Times'* series on *Women Failed by Medicine* ..... **Page 6**

Jackson allegation

Michael Jackson, the pop star whose bizarre habits and intense privacy have enthralled Americans since he was ten, is facing child abuse allegations..... **Page 3**

Abuse enquiry

Detectives from North Wales launched a big investigation into accusations of child abuse at an isolated cult commune when they travelled to London to interview Rebecca Teacher, one of the alleged victims..... **Page 4**

Moth chase crash

A British scientist has emerged unscathed after crashing his microlight machine in a jungle as he chased rare moths ..... **Page 7**

Rebellion over

Heidar Aliyev, Azerbaijan's acting president, claimed that the separatist uprising was over and that there had been mass desertion among the forces of Aliakram Gummatov, the rebel chief..... **Page 8**

Hope in the slums

New facilities and bureaucracy with a human face are thwarting Islamic militants in the slums of Egypt's capital..... **Page 10**

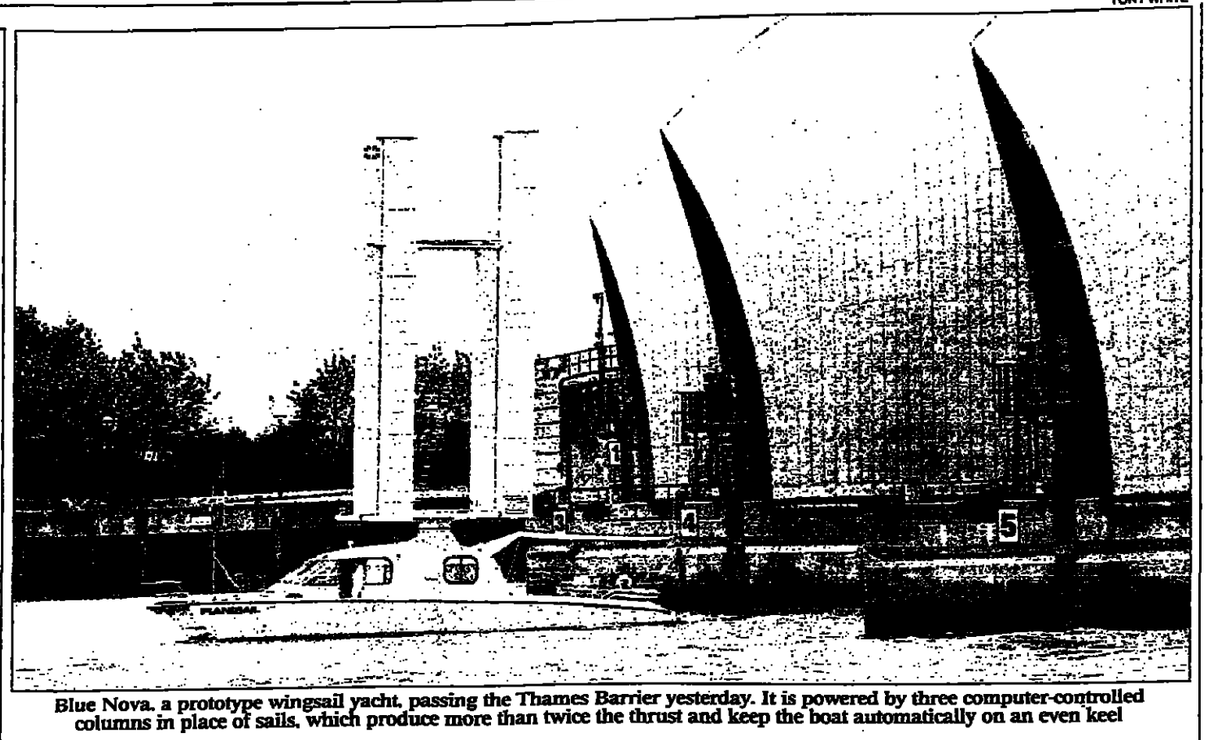
Peking dilemma

With a decision only weeks away on whether the Chinese should be awarded the Olympic Games and Washington considering if China should continue to enjoy most favoured nation status, Peking is creating the worst possible international impression..... **Page 11**

Mothers' Union questions the family

■ The Mothers' Union, which recently debated prostitution and the legalisation of brothels, has delivered another blow to traditional family life. In the union's journal, published yesterday, a senior member criticises the "inflated importance" given to the family, which she says can in fact be stifling, secretive and imprisoning..... **Page 1**

TONY WHITE



Blue Nova, a prototype wingsail yacht, passing the Thames Barrier yesterday. It is powered by three computer-controlled columns in place of sails, which produce more than twice the thrust and keep the boat automatically on an even keel

BUSINESS

Not guilty: The Serious Fraud Office lost another case after the judge in the TC Coombs trial directed the jury to a not guilty verdict for lack of evidence..... **Page 21**

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Fishing: High-summer days bring the most testing challenge of the fly fisher's year. Water temperatures are at their highest, fly hatches are at their latest and most trout are lying doggo until dusk..... **Page 36**

Alan Lee: The health of the England cricket team is suddenly rudder. It really does not take much to change the fortunes of distressed cricketers. Atherton and Fletcher must feel like airmen who released parachutes just before the ground came up to hit them..... **Page 38**

Simon Barnes: The Ashes series was full of "sledging", cricketspeak for aggressive verbal assaults. It is time to wonder if this is a legitimate part of cricket..... **Page 40**

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Thinking big: Jonathan Silver is a Bradford businessman with a gift for turning grandiose ideas into action. Seven years ago he bought Salt's Mill in Yorkshire. Now he has a theatre that is premiering a Tony Harrison play..... **Page 27**

Shame about the drama: Shelley's play, *The Cenci*, received no performance in England until the centenary of his death. For the bicentenary of his birth, the Damned Poets Theatre Company is mounting a production ..... **Page 28**

The colour of the canvas: The South Asian Visual Arts Festival is launched next week in the West Midlands. Is there a political message behind it?..... **Page 29**

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Dame Judi Dench whose 18th century home in Hampstead was badly damaged by a fire six hours after firemen had put out another blaze
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BKS Iyengar, the Indian yoga master, is helping followers perfect their powers of balance at a yoga convention at Crystal Palace, London
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Baroness Thatcher will be featured on BBC2 in programmes coinciding with the new session of Parliament in October
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THE TIMES TOMORROW

Flying into a higher element

■ Travelling economy class but all dressed for business? On the right transatlantic flight you could find yourself being upgraded

Heartfelt in the darkness

■ In his impressive new novel, André Brink returns to the distant past to throw light on South Africa's post-apartheid future

Hollywood strikes back

■ Clint Eastwood takes on a psychopath, and Kenneth Branagh serves up fast-food Shakespeare in the week's big films

TV LISTINGS

Christine Hargreaves stars in Jim Allen's bleak 1977 drama of a single mother struggling to support her family on social security. *The Spongers* (BBC2, 9pm) ..... **Page 39**

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Levels of anxiety

John Patten should now announce a comprehensive review to find a just means of transferring the burden of higher education from taxpayer to consumer. He could scarcely ask for a better opportunity..... **Page 15**

Iraqis to back

Yesterday's defections may cause Saddam no loss of sleep but firmer Western backing for Iraqis brave enough to resist him could hasten the inevitable end..... **Page 15**

The kissing Singhs

The *Kama Sutra* classed kisses as "nominal, throbbing, touching, straight, bent, turned, pressed and greatly pressed". What became of this highly-sexed civilisation? Why have Indians had to wait to savour a kiss on television? ..... **Page 15**

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SIMON JENKINS

The essence of a secret service is secrecy. It can be statutory but cannot "answer" to the public, except by burbling. Secret is not a relative term. It is absolute. A spy can no more be part secret than part virgin..... **Page 14**

MICHAEL PORTILLO

We must be robust in constraining public spending, but even so cannot rule out revenue-raising measures. The Chancellor may judge that borrowing is not being cut fast enough..... **Page 14**

ALAN COREN

This colum is but th ferst puf in th imnent tifoon: wot yu, deer reedr, ar gettin today is th same lenth as yu got last Wensdy, but it is pakt with 10 per sent more stuf, thanx to Mr Leo Chapman of The Simplified Spelling Society..... **Page 14**

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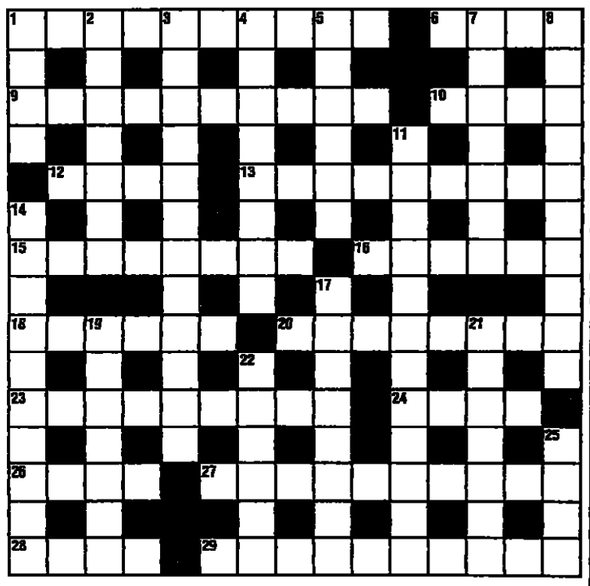
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Algeria, with all opportunities for peaceful change rapidly disappearing and its unpopular government clinging to power by military force, slides deeper into the sterile politics of death — *New York Times*

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ACROSS

1 Beneficial congratulations (4,3,3).
6 Seen primarily in churches or nunneries (4).
9 Perfidious chief of Comanches led action in Western (10).
10 The show is just average (4).
12 By the sound of it, a man of letters (4).
13 Good shot put down an eagle, perhaps (4,2,3).
15 People from Hyderabad endeavour to display diligence (8).
16 Trapped by the blue, miscalculate an inch (6).
18 Jack tells stories about descent (6).
20 Trouble concerning school is setback for Mrs. Ravenal (8).
23 Weight cut back — suspicion is instant (9).
24 Killed the slug (4).
26 Threatening Cinders' sisters, for example (4).
27 Two quadrants short of oxygen — more icicles are formed (10).
28 Henry VIII voiced hostility (4).
29 Believers upset after ruling initially overturned (10).

DOWN

1 Continue being a fool (4).
2 Where they produce fruit as an alternative to vegetable (7).
3 Cooks insects? That's poppycock! (12).
4 Farmer raced about, a man of superhuman qualities (8).
5 Sibyl an impostor, a clergyman reveals (6).
7 Loud noise brings someone given to silence on top of us (7).
8 Runners may possibly supply him (10).
11 Relish the speed with which someone strips (4,4,4).
14 A lot is written about heartless schemes to get a golden handshake (5,5).
17 Hesitate to depend on enthusiasm (4,4).
19 Put pot inside another pot (7).
21 There's a particle in drunken club member of pride (4-3).
22 Call Scrooge Ebenezer the First (6).
25 Pure water (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 19,317

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Bermuda*	28	82	f	Nice	27	81	s
Biarritz	18	64	f	Oslo	17	63	f
Borde'x	19	66	r	Paris	17	63	s
Brussels	17	63	s	Peking	33	91	s
Budapst	29	84	s	Perth	18	64	c
B Aires*	19	66	s	Prague	15	59	s
Cairo	33	91	s	Reykjavik	10	50	c
Chicago*	30	86	s	Rhodes	28	82	s
Ch'church	11	52	f	Rio de J	28	82	f
Cologne	16	61	c	Riyadh	42	108	s
C'phagn	18	64	f	Rome	32	90	s
Corfu	29	84	s	Salzburg	13	55	c
Dublin	14	57	c	S F'risco*	18	64	s
Dubrovnik	31	88	s	Santiago*	24	75	s
Faro	25	77	s	S Paulo*	19	66	c
Florence	29	84	c	Seoul	24	75	f
Frankfurt	17	63	f	Sing'por	27	81	t
Funchal	24	75	f	Stkholm	12	54	r
Geneva	16	61	c	Strasb'rg	17	63	s
Gibraltar	25	77	s	Sydney	18	64	s
Helsinki	12	54	f	Tangier	25	77	f
Hong K	29	84	f	Tel Aviv	32	90	s
Innsbrck	13	55	f	Tenerife	26	79	s
Istanbul	26	79	s	Tokyo	31	88	s
Jeddah	37	99	s	Toronto*	20	68	f
Jo'burg*	15	59	s	Tunis	38	100	s
Karachi	32	90	f	Valencia	28	82	f
L Palmas	25	77	s	Vanc'ver*	17	63	f
Le Tquet	16	61	f	Venice	29	84	s
Lisbon	22	72	c	Vienna	15	59	c
Locarno	21	70	d	Warsaw	17	63	f
L Angels*	21	70	s	Wash'ton*	29	84	s
Luxembg	15	59	f	Wel'ngton	11	52	f
Luxor	38	102	s	Zurich	12	54	d
Madrid	28	82	f				

* denotes figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	2.5	0.19	12	54	shower
Anglesey	9.6	0.02	16	61	sunny
Aviemore	1.1	0.13	11	52	shower
Belfast	11.3	-	16	61	sunny
Birmingham	5.6	-	15	61	bright
Bognor Regis	0.6	0.02	15	59	cloudy
Bournemouth	2.0	0.38	17	63	rain
Bristol	9.5	0.22	17	63	sunny
Buxton	7.5	-	13	55	bright
Cardiff	8.2	0.38	16	61	sunny
Clacton	8.4	-	17	63	sunny
Colwyn Bay	6.9	0.16	15	59	sunny
Cromer	8.4	0.02	15	59	sunny
Eastbourne	3.9	-	17	63	cloudy
Edinburgh	2.7	-	17	63	cloudy
Eskdalemuir	4.4	0.05	14	57	shower
Exmouth	6.7	0.85	16	61	bright
Folkestone	10.0	0.03	17	63	sunny
Glasgow	8.3	-	15	59	bright
Guernsey	-	3.09	14	57	shower
Hastings	4.8	-	17	63	cloudy
Hunstanton	9.2	-	15	59	sunny
Isle of Man	9.9	-	17	63	sunny
Kinloss	0.6	0.15	13	55	rain
Leeds	6.5	0.03	16	61	shower
Lerwick	5.0	0.08	11	52	shower
Liverpool	9.2	0.02	15	59	sunny
London	7.7	-	17	63	sunny
Lowestoft	8.6	-	16	61	sunny
Manchester	6.8	-	15	59	sunny
Margate	11.4	0.03	17	63	sunny
Morecambe	6.8	-	16	61	bright
Newcastle	2.5	0.03	13	55	shower
Newquay	4.9	0.11	15	59	sunny
Nottingham	11.0	-	17	63	sunny
Plymouth	3.0	0.01	17	63	cloudy
Poole	3.2	0.37	16	61	rain
Salcombe	3.7	0.17	17	63	bright
Sandown	0.8	0.09	16	61	cloudy
Saunton Snd	8.2	0.12	16	61	sunny
Scarborough	7.3	0.08	14	57	shower
Scilly Isles	7.7	0.02	15	59	shower
Shanklin	1.7	0.13	16	61	rain
Southend	7.4	0.01	18	64	bright
Stornoway	9.5	0.03	11	52	drizzle
Swanage	0.9	0.52	16	61	rain
Teignmouth	7.4	0.31	17	63	bright
Tenby	7.8	-	16	61	sunny
Tiree	5.1	0.07	14	57	bright
Torquay	6.1	0.17	17	63	bright
Weymouth	2.8	0.50	17	63	cloudy
Wick	1.3	0.05	11	52	shower

These are Monday's figures

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp. max 6am to 6pm, 17C (63F) min 6pm to 6am, 10C (50F). Humidity 6pm, 46 per cent. Rain 24hr to 6pm, nil Sun 24hr to 6pm, 11.5hr Bar. mean sea level, 6pm, 1,021.6 millibars, falling. 1,000 millibars = 29.53in

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Monday: Highest day temp: Southend, Essex, 18C (64F). lowest day max Cape Wrath, Highland, 10C (50F). highest rainfall Guernsey, 3.09in. highest sunshine Margate, Kent 11.4hr

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 15C (59F), min 6pm to 6am, 8C (48F) Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace Sun 24hr to 6pm, 7.0hr

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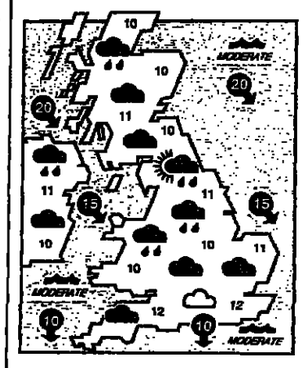
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TOURIST RATES

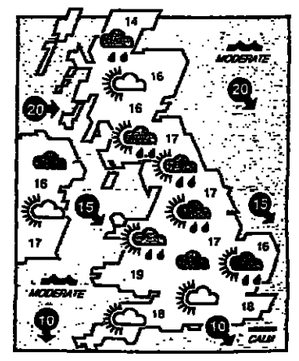
	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.34	2.14
Austria Sch	18.89	17.39
Belgium Fr	56.55	52.15
Canada $	2.105	1.945
Cyprus Cypf	0.796	0.748
Denmark Kr	11.00	10.20
Finland Mrk	9.35	8.56
France Fr	9.30	8.60
Germany Dm	2.67	2.48
Greece Dr	370.66	345.66
Hong Kong $	12.30	11.30
Ireland Pt	1.12	1.04
Italy Lira	2498.96	2341.96
Japan Yen	174.17	154.67
Netherlands Gld	3.020	2.790
Norway Kr	11.57	10.77
Portugal Esc	269.18	250.68
South Africa Rd	5.85	4.95
Spain Pta	212.32	198.32
Sweden Kr	12.68	11.88
Switzerland Fr	2.350	2.178
Turkey Lira	18000	17000
USA $	1.602	1.472

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

AM



PM



LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 8.32 pm to 5.32 am
Bristol 8.42 pm to 5.42 am
Edinburgh 8.55 pm to 5.33 am
Manchester 8.45 pm to 5.36 am
Penzance 8.51 pm to 5.56 am

Sun rises: 6.20 am
Sun sets: 8.20 pm
Moon rises: 3.54 pm
Moon sets: n/a

Full Moon September 1

Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1989: The hours of darkness are defined in these Regulations as the period between half an hour after sunset and half an hour before sunrise.

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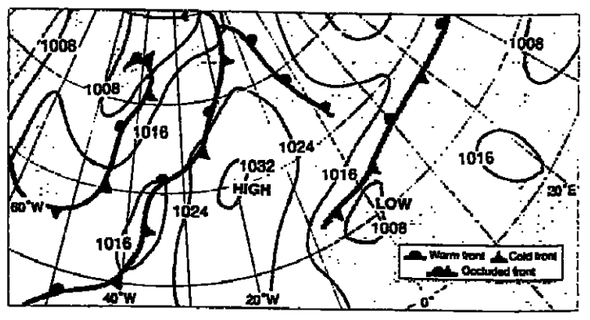
Temperatures at midday yesterday c, cloud. f, fair; r, rain, s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	14	57	f	Guernsey	15	59	c
B'rmgham	14	57	f	Inverness	12	54	c
Blackpool	15	59	f	Jersey	17	63	f
Bristol	16	61	s	London	15	59	f
Cardiff	18	64	c	M'nchster	14	57	f
Edinburgh	13	55	c	Newcastle	13	55	f
Glasgow	14	57	f	R'nldsway	13	55	c

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	8.00	6.3	8.28	6.3	Liverpool	5.23	8.1	6.01	7.8
Aberdeen	7.57	3.7	8.31	3.4	Lowestoft	3.45	2.1	4.16	2.3
Avonmouth	1.00	11.1	1.29	10.6	Margate	6.08	4.2	6.34	4.3
Belfast	5.35	3.2	6.11	3.0	Milford Haven	12.11	5.8	12.44	5.6
Cardiff	12.45	10.4	1.14	9.9	Newquay	11.43	5.7	—	—
Devonport	—	—	—	—	Oban	—	—	—	—
Dover	5.12	5.8	5.44	5.8	Penzance	11.42	4.6	—	—
Falmouth	11.54	4.4	—	—	Portland	—	—	—	—
Glasgow	6.44	4.7	7.21	4.5	Portsmouth	—	—	—	—
Harwich	5.58	3.6	6.26	3.6	Shoreham	5.16	5.2	5.49	5.2
Holyhead	4.41	4.8	5.20	4.6	Southampton	5.22	4.0	5.55	4.0
Ilfracombe	—	—	12.23	7.4	Swansea	12.15	8.1	12.47	7.8
King's Lynn	12.29	5.5	12.59	5.6	Tees	10.22	4.6	10.56	4.4
Leith	9.22	4.9	9.49	4.6	W'ton-on-Nze	5.55	3.7	6.25	3.8

NOON TODAY



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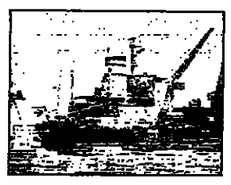
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THE POUND

US $ ..... 1.4975 (-0.0072)
German mark .... 2.5139 (-0 0256)
Exchange index ..... 80.7 (-0.7)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 ..... 3049 3 (+7.3)
Dow Jones ... 3615.48 (+9.50)*
Nikkei Avge 20431.84 (+17.70)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 6%
3-month interbank..... 5¹³/₁₆-5¹⁵/₁₆%
US Federal Funds 2¹⁵/₁₆%*
3-month Treas Bills. 3.00-2.98%*
Long Bond 6.24%*

CURRENCIES

New York:	London:
£:$ 1.4965*	£.$ 1.4965
$.DM ..1.6815*	£:DM 2.5142
$:SWfr.1.4785*	£:SWfr...2.2096
$:Fir ...5.8555*	£:Fir .. .8.7395
$:Yen . 103.71*	£:Yen ...155.26
£:SDR ..1.0743	£:ECU ..1.3101

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 372.75 ..... PM 373.65
Close 373.70-374.20
New York:
Comex 372.45-372.95*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI..... ....140.7 July (1.4%)
* Denotes midday trading price

Judge directs jury to acquit stockbrokers

BY ANGELA MACKAY

■ Two stockbroker defendants were acquitted after the judge directed the jury to find them not guilty for lack of evidence more than two months into the trial.

THE Serious Fraud Office lost another important case yesterday after the judge in the TC Coombs trial directed the jury to find the two stockbroker defendants not guilty for lack of evidence.

Andrew Leslie Kent, 46, and Patrick Mahon, 53, from TC Coombs, the collapsed stockbroking firm, were acquitted on two counts of conspiracy to defraud The Securities Association and Mr Mahon was also acquitted on one count of dishonestly attempting to obtain property by deception. His Honour Judge Clark, QC, told the jury at Middlesex Guildhall in central London to find the defendants not guilty two and half months into the trial.

While Judge Clark said his decision did not represent a criticism of the SFO mainly because new facts revealed during the trial weakened the prosecution case, the loss is still a blow to the SFO, which has been striving to win a critical case after a string of expensive failures.

Costs were awarded to the defendants from the public purse and outside court counsel estimated that the entire cost of the three-year investigation and the trial, which included air fares of witnesses who came from Canada, Australia and Switzerland, would run to "millions of pounds".

The judge also pronounced his support for a self-regulatory regime in the City. He said: "I cannot help thinking that this sort of enquiry in a case where there has been no financial loss to any individual would be far better left to the regulatory jurisdiction of the appropriate bodies rather than a full blown criminal trial."

The prosecution case alleged the two men had "repeatedly deceived the Securities Association in order to present a quite false picture of the firm's financial position". Michael Birnbaum, QC, for the SFO, alleged the firm had insufficient capital and that substantial debts owed to it had gone unpaid for several years.

TC Coombs had won two tribunal actions in 1988 relating to its capital adequacy. However, a complaint by a Swiss bank, Rahn & Bodmer, in 1990 led to the SFO issuing section 2 notices under the Criminal Justice Act and raiding the TC Coombs premises in the City and also the homes of the two defendants in November 1990.

A former executive of Rahn & Bodmer alleged that a C$5 million share transaction on the Vancouver stock exchange, which was the subject of the third count against Mr Mahon, was really a split deal and that TC Coombs had tried to hide this. But there was no evidence to support this. Moreover, oral evidence from another bank executive of the unrecorded deal was dismissed by the judge in his ruling as "sheer speculation".

Of the two conspiracy counts, the judge said there was no sufficient satisfactory evidence of an agreement between any parties.

The defendants' lawyers said that the judgment proved that TC Coombs had sufficient capital when it was forced to close after the SFO raid when business declined sharply.

The firm was subsequently placed into liquidation in February 1991 after the The Securities Association issued a protection order stopping the firm from conducting business.

KPMG Peat Marwick, the liquidator, said yesterday it would be examining the judgment to see if there was any action that could be brought to benefit creditors.

After the judge had made his ruling, Mr Kent's QC, Alun Jones, told the court his client would sue Rahn & Bodmer for defamation and that he would be seeking authorisation again from the relevant regulator. Mr Mahon's solicitors, Peters & Peters, said he was still considering his position.

ASHLEY COOMBES



Sir Ivan Lawrence, MP for Burton, took the reins at the Bass Museum, Burton, yesterday, to open a campaign by Bass Brewers against rises in duty on beers. Bass is staging an exhibition at the museum on the history of beer duty

Consumers and businesses show increasing signs of optimism

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

ACCUMULATING evidence of a slow but steady economic recovery, in particular surprising evidence of falls in unemployment in recent months, is starting to have an impact on the confidence of British consumers and businesses, the key ingredient needed to sustain the upturn.

A clutch of surveys yesterday pointed to improved optimism. Along with figures showing a sharp decline in the number of company liquidations and personal bankruptcies since the early months of this year, they point to an economy gradually returning to health.

KPMG Peat Marwick, the accountant, said that company liquidations had fallen more than 10 per cent in the second quarter, compared with the first, and that personal bankruptcies were down more than 20 per cent on the first quarter. Tim Hayward, KPMG's head of corporate recovery, said that these falls pointed to the beginnings of a return to consumer confidence.

The Gallup survey of consumer confidence showed a marked rise in optimism about economic prospects between July and August, underpinned by a new belief that unemployment is not going to rise over the next few months. Fewer than half of Gallup's respondents predicted a rise in unemployment over the next year, and a fifth said they expected unemployment to fall, much more positive than a month ago and dramatically improved from the balance of opinion found at the start of the year. The survey also suggested that consumer confidence is robust enough to be translated into actual spending, a necessary component of the recovery. Gallup said that 15 per cent more are now saying that it is the right time to make a big purchase.

This evidence of rising consumer confidence and the receding fear of unemployment found support in a number of business surveys.

National Westminster Bank's quarterly review of activity in the small business sector showed the first positive balance between firms expecting sales turnover to decline and those who expect it to increase since the final quarter of 1990.

On the employment front, there were still more firms reporting a cut in employment than an increase, but expectations about future employment are now, on balance, optimistic.

The gradually improving employment outlook was confirmed by Brook Street, the recruitment specialist, which surveyed industrial companies and found "qualified optimism". Brook Street found that 38 per cent of companies said that they expected to increase their headcount before the end of this year. The survey also found that 43 per cent expected to invest in plant and machinery during the rest of this year.

Touche Ross, the accountant, found that 48 per cent of owner-managed businesses were intending to take on more staff over the next 12 months, with only 9 per cent expecting to reduce numbers. Touche Ross said that 74 per cent of its respondents were anticipating growth in turnover over the next year.

☐ Sterling suffered against the dollar and the mark, both of which were in demand for their own reasons. The pound's trade-weighted index closed at 80.7, compared with its opening at 81.2 and its close on Monday at 81.4.

It lost more than two pfennigs against the German currency, which was buoyed by renewed pessimism in the markets about the prospect of a cut in official German rates at tomorrow's Bundesbank council meeting, the first after the summer recess.

☐ Edouard Balladur, the French prime minister, is meeting Helmut Kohl, Germany's Chancellor, tomorrow in Bonn. M Balladur will present new ideas on resolving the deadlock in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade talks and propose changes to the deal between the EC and America on reducing subsidies on agricultural exports.

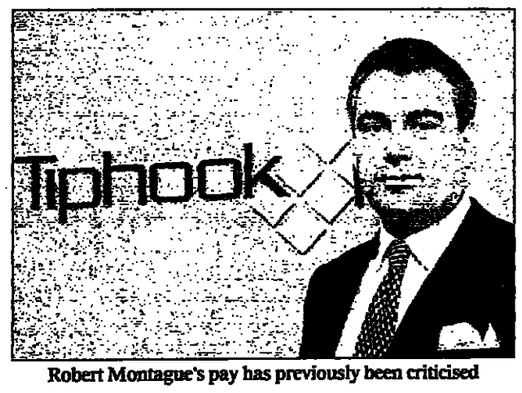
Tiphook chief's pay rises

BY MARTIN WALLER
DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

THE salary paid to Robert Montague, chairman and chief executive of Tiphook, the container leasing business that swung into a £21.8 million pre-tax loss last year, has been increased, the report and accounts show.

High salaries paid to Mr Montague and his fellow board members have attracted criticism from some shareholders in the past. For 1992-3 the chairman earned £851,000, up from £842,000 last time, while most other directors saw rises in the 4-5 per cent area.

Eric Goodwin, deputy chairman, said the salaries had been set at the start of the financial year before the outcome had been known, and the company's remuneration committee had already decided on immediate 10 per cent reductions this year as part of a general cost-cutting programme. Further cuts would be considered as the year progressed.



Robert Montague's pay has previously been criticised

Last year's financial performance by Tiphook startled the stock market though it came after two profit warnings this year whose content apparently leaked into the market.

The company, increasingly US-owned and with substantial business across the Atlantic, had decided to move towards US accounting principles. As a result, operating profits from continuing operations of £100.2 million were wiped out by a raft of one-off provisions.

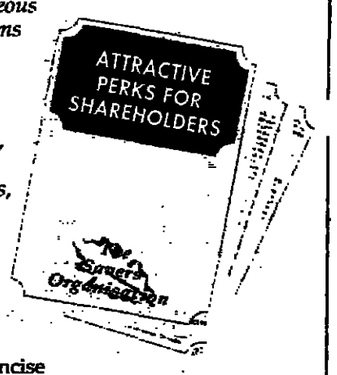
The report and accounts show three directors last year, other than Mr Montague, earned upwards of £495,000. One was Rodger Braidwood, who quit this month as finance director, to be replaced by Andrew Chandler. Mr Braidwood was on a salary of more than £500,000 and received a pay-off of a similar size.

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A measured response to water metering



GRAHAM SEARJEANT

Much as customers, suppliers and their shareholders may grumble, as we shall loudly next year, financial regulation of the water industry has so far proved the most competent and professional among utilities. It needs to be when prices are rising steadily in real terms to pay for decades of neglect in the public sector.

Ofwat's secret has lain in the devotion of Ian Byatt, its director general, to thorough preparation and consultation to help get things right and avoid nasty surprises. Water companies rail against all the costly paperwork. Yet Mr Byatt's insistence on the companies consulting customers before revising investment plans for *next* year's review, is showing its worth. As he expected, customers in some areas seem to want the least costly programmes to meet legal requirements. But who would have guessed that customers of Welsh Water wanted noticeably higher standards even at higher cost, had they not been asked? Or that people in some areas were tolerant of hosepipe bans while others were aghast?

When the plans are agreed, customers may not get what they want but they will be better served than if the companies, Ofwat and environmental regulators had decided what was good for them in battles conducted behind closed doors. How different from the gas industry.

Even the most rational regimes have their blind spots, however. Mr Byatt has a thing about water meters. You can see his point. For economists, it is illogical and frustrating for a product to have no price to most of its customers, so that normal market signals cannot be passed in either direction. Unmetered customers cannot do anything to cut their own bills. How can regulators know whether costly spending on environmentally sensitive new reservoirs, boreholes and ring mains is economically justified? Then there was the poll tax, which doomed rateable values used for household water charges. When water was privatised, a market-oriented government presumed in its prospectus that universal metering would take over. Ofwat took up the baton, pushing metering for all new properties, which had no rateable value. As ever there was also consultation. Ofwat surveys found most people thought metering the fairest system, even if they did not want it themselves. As experience builds up, however, it is clear that the metering idea is fatally flawed.

To start with, as Ofwat itself calulated last year, it would add about 14 per cent to average annual bills, to pay the cost of meters, reading and digging up the roads to install them. The chairman of a big water group, himself an early metering enthusiast, now reckons the cost of providing extra water supplies is much less.

Water companies with a obligation to supply could not, moreover, rely in advance on people cutting metered consumption to save money. In areas short of capacity, where metering stood the best chance of paying for itself in investment savings, they will have to go ahead with long-term projects such as new reservoirs anyway. Customers are in danger of paying twice over.

The supposed charging dilemma has disappeared as fast as the poll tax. When Ofwat commissioned a report from the Institute of Fiscal Studies on the effects of different charging methods such as metering, a flat licence fee or charges based on household numbers as in the community charge, it produced agonised headlines — provoked by the IFS — that there could be "a second poll tax fiasco".

Not so. The Ofwat study did not envisage using the council tax base. As the IFS more quietly revealed, this would cause scarcely any disruption. Universal metering is not an alternative, as Ofwat now concedes, because it could not be brought in fast enough.

In any case, as voluntary take-up has shown, metering mainly benefits the wealthy. It will spread nonetheless. But if water is to become a priced market like any other, the companies would themselves change their spots. Pricing to ration consumption is one thing. Extra income for extra output should also make companies keen to sell as much as possible.

Abbey National and Barings in link-up on swaps

By Neil Bennett

ABBEY National and Baring Brothers, the merchant bank, are joining forces to create an operation to trade in interest rate and currency swaps and other complex financial derivatives.

The operation will be called Abbey National Baring Derivatives (ANBD). Twenty-five of Barings' existing derivatives traders will be assigned to the business, with five staff from Abbey National. Abbey National plans to set aside £10 million in capital to support the trading operations of the new venture, which should begin trading next month.

Swaps are innovative, fast-growing financial products that allow companies and banks to exchange floating-rate borrowings for fixed-rate debt, or vice versa. Other products allow businesses to swap currencies and even take out options on interest rates, to protect them against violent swings in base rates.

Barings' experienced team of options traders will take advantage of Abbey National's high credit rating to expand the trading they already do along with the range and size of swaps they offer. Abbey National has an AA rating, one of the highest in Britain, thanks to its generous reserves. Barings is not rated by the credit agencies, so its derivatives team previously found it almost impossible to act as principal in large swap transactions with blue chip institutions.

For Abbey National, the agreement is a further step in the sophistication of its treasury operations, which began when the former building society came to the stock market four years ago. Today the group holds £28 billion in treasury assets and already trades heavily in swaps as a customer.

The two sides are refusing to say how they will divide the profits from the new operations, which could be more than £2 million a year on the initial capital. ANBD will carry out work for Abbey National, which should enable the group to offer more fixed-rate mortgages and savings bonds.

Both sides said they would ensure trading risks would be kept to a minimum. Abbey National is transferring the head of its market risk department to ANBD to watch over the trading. The group will take no principal risk but cover all its swaps with opposite transactions.

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BAe-Taiwan talks go to third day

By Ross Tieman, Industrial Correspondent

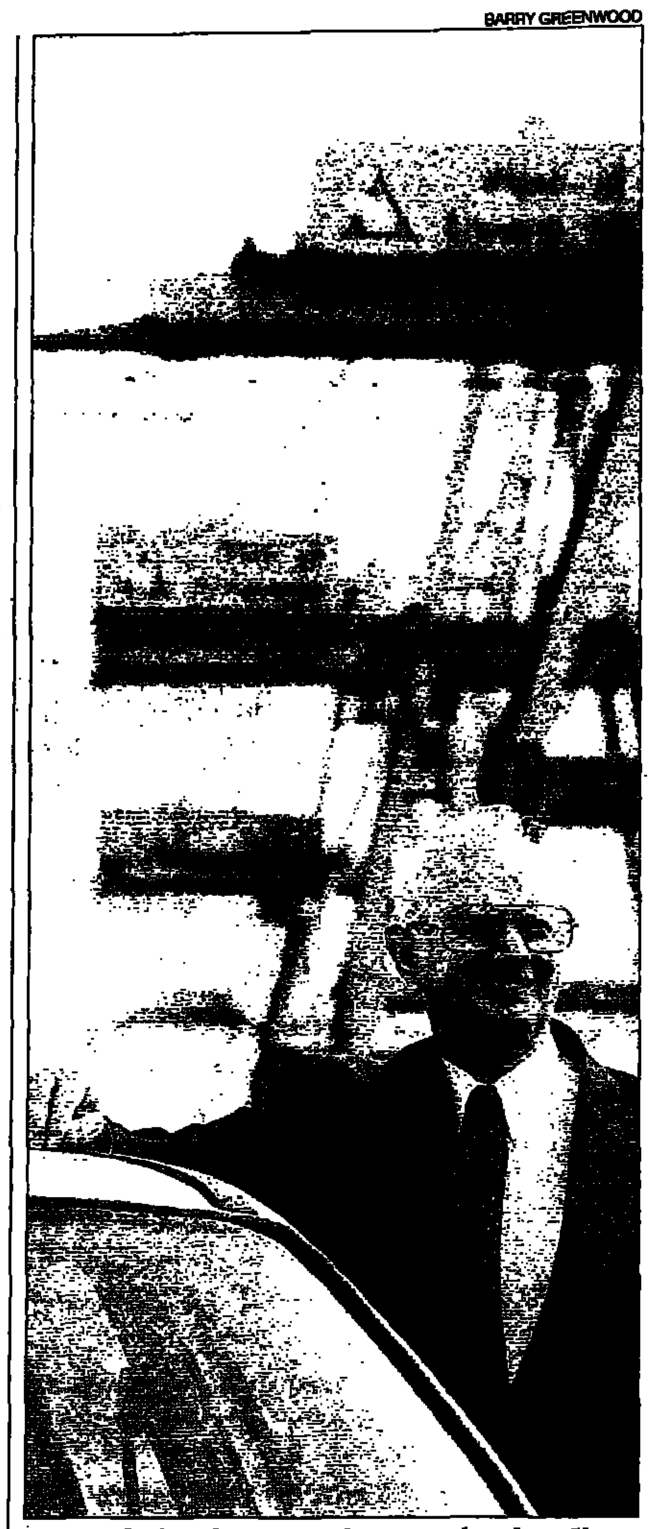
JOHN Cahill, chairman of British Aerospace, and Yang Shih-Chen, Taiwan's vice-minister for economics, will meet again this morning for a third day of talks to resolve outstanding issues on the creation of a joint company to build regional jets.

In spite of claims of progress from both parties after discussions in the Taiwan capital of Taipei yesterday, an agreement with bankers on the proposed £250 million Avro International Aerospace group remained elusive. Problems continue to centre on arrangements for the financing of aircraft to be leased by the group to its customers.

The Taiwan government, which is seeking to develop a national civil aerospace industry by underwriting the deal, appears to have succeeded in reassuring British Aerospace of its continued commitment.

But Mr Cahill is insisting that financing arrangements are essential if the project, which aims to build RJ airliners based on the BAe 146 "whisper jet", is to succeed. Completion of the deal, already twice delayed, is becoming urgent.

BARRY GREENWOOD



Trevor Furlong hopes to seek new markets from Kent

Irish trade helps lift profits at Mersey

TRADE with Ireland boosted profits at Mersey Docks & Harbour Company, which owns the Port of Liverpool and which said on Friday it was in bid talks with Medway Ports (Carl Mortished writes).

Tonnage rose almost 5 per cent during the six months to June 30 to 13.6 million tonnes but container and roll-on roll-off traffic to Ireland rose 15 per cent from 1.4 million tonnes. The increased traffic helped turnover to rise from £39 million to £44 million and pre-tax profits are up 16 per cent to £8.9 million. There were no property profits this time.

Trevor Furlong, managing director, said the growth reflected the low inland transport costs around Liverpool's hinterland. Grain and animal feedstuffs were up by a quarter as were bulk liquids and scrap metal rose 17 per cent. But forestry products were lower and container traffic showed only modest growth.

Mr Furlong said the acquisition of Medway, based in Kent, would bring the company into new markets, such as cars and fruit and give access to the ferry link to Holland. Mersey's gearing remains low at 8 per cent, despite development of a forest products warehouse and a bulk terminal. A river berth on the Mersey is also to be developed for the Irish trade.

The results include an initial £219,000 from the acquisition of half of Merchant Ferries, which operates on the Irish Sea. The dividend rises 14 per cent to 2.85p, covered by earnings of 9.53p (8.12p).

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Rank Xerox UK chief to head Gestetner

DAVID Thompson, the chairman of Rank Xerox UK, was named yesterday as the successor to Basil Sellers as chairman of Gestetner. Mr Thompson, 61, who has been chairman at Rank Xerox UK since 1990, will take up the post on September 7. Mr Sellers will remain as a non-executive director at Gestetner, where Inchcape took a 15.3 per cent stake earlier this year. In June, Mr Sellers announced a half-year £45.4 million loss before tax and the company said that it was cautious on its prospects.

Mr Thompson, who joined Rank Xerox in 1965 after an early career with IBM, said that Gestetner had made considerable progress in reducing costs in Western Europe, one of its principal troubled markets. He added that it would be a case of "battening down the hatches" until there was a recovery in those economies. Gestetner's ordinary shares rose 7p to 146p.

Lloyd's covered CSR

LLOYD'S of London said asbestos liability cover taken out by CSR, the building materials group, in Australia, was reinsured in London, with Lloyd's syndicates providing some of the cover. On Monday, the New South Wales Supreme Court ruled that CSR was covered by public risk policies from 1955 to 1978 in relation to a former asbestos mine. The court ruled that liability lay with New Zealand Insurance and a subsidiary. NZI said it was considering an appeal.

Bridon moves ahead

BRIDON, the wire and wire rope supplier, has boosted pre-tax profits to £1.1 million (£700,000) at half time. Brian Clayton, who became chairman this month after the sudden death of Derek Edwards, said that after £1.2 million of restructuring costs and £1.8 million of interest charges were stripped out, operating profits rose 17.6 per cent to £4 million (£3.4 million). In the six months to end-June, earnings per share rose to 1.6p (1.3p), and the dividend is held at 1.25p.

Tarmac sales continue

TARMAC, the construction group, continues its programme of divestments to reduce borrowings, with a £12.5 million sale of five quarries in northern Scotland. It has now realised £223 million through disposals. The quarries are being sold to Bruntcliffe Aggregates, of the West Midlands, and Tarmac will receive £10 million this year and £2.5 million in 1996. Bruntcliffe is financing the acquisition via a placing and open offer of new shares at 35p each, raising £9.1 million.

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Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 80 Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0345 717373				
Mastertrust	126.90	135.70	+0.50	1.26
International	97.29	103.50	-0.30	.30
Dividend Gth	61.15	65.05†	+0.01	4.32
Global Gth Sec	63.22	67.25	-0.03	2.45
Ethical Growth	68.43	72.79	+0.11	2.45
High Inc Equity	162.70	173.00†	+0.20	4.55
Worldwide Bond	271.00	287.40†	+1.40	3.65
Gilts Fixed Int	136.30	144.50	+0.30	5.54
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ 0224 633070 Dealing: 0800 833580 30 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ 071 374 6801				
Amer Inc Gth	44.73	47.20	+0.45	0.66
European	89.43	94.75	+0.93	...
European Inc	84.03	89.19†	+0.95	1.68
Exempt	946.40	976.90†	+2.90	3.91
Extra Inc	49.15	53.51	-0.10	4.88
F East Emerg Ec	91.29	98.55†	+0.84	0.66
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon, SN1 1EL 0793 514514 Dealing: 0793 610366				
High Inc	414.60	443.20	+1.40	3.71
Equity Inc	229.20	245.00	+0.60	3.72
High Yield	256.00	273.60	+0.80	3.74
Balanced	682.40	729.40	+1.00	2.41
American Inc	49.85	53.28†	+0.48	2.98
Wld Asset Val	43.13	46.10†	+0.13	0.98
Japan	213.40	227.20	+0.20	0.01
Secs of Am	421.40	448.30	+3.40	0.56
AXA EQUITY & LAW St George's Hse, Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1QD. 0203 553231				
UK Growth Acc	337.10	358.70	+2.10	2.48
-do- Inc	238.80	254.10	+1.30	2.48
Higher Inc Acc	627.30	667.40	+2.70	3.50
-do- Inc	381.10	405.50	+1.70	3.50
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	185.60	196.00	+0.20	5.77
-do- Inc	97.30	102.70	+0.10	5.77
Nth America	250.60	266.60	+2.20	...
Far East	321.70	342.30	+2.40	0.17
Europe	247.30	263.10	+2.40	0.79
General Inc	457.50	486.80	+2.80	2.28
-do- Acc	501.90	534.00	+3.10	2.28
Brit Excell	68.34	72.71	+0.41	2.52
Brit Fndmtls Inc	74.50	79.26	+0.19	4.33
Brit Fndmtls Acc	95.97	102.10	+0.20	4.33
Global Opps	78.86	83.90	+0.58	0.19
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MANAGERS 36 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BN 071 489 8673				
Brit O seas	263.40	277.30	+4.50	1.28
Capital Gwth	109.60	115.40	-0.90	2.36
Worldwide Opps	161.40	169.90	-0.50	0.55
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD Gredley Hse, 1-11 Broadway, London E15 081 534 5544				
Capital	111.90	119.70	+0.30	2.71
Euro Gth Inc	123.50	131.10	-0.10	0.64
Extra Inc	116.10	124.20	...	4.15
General	258.10	276.10	+0.10	2.61
Gilt Fxd Inc	61.02	63.08	+0.04	7.94
Income	523.70	560.10	+0.60	3.97
BARING FUND MANAGERS PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ 081 658 9002				
American Gth	94.65	100.40	+1.05	0.10
Amer Smllr Cos	126.50	135.30	+1.50	...
Convertibles	56.54	60.47	+0.26	7.00
Eastern	196.10	211.40	+0.70	1.60
Equity Income	88.99	94.67	+0.43	6.20
European Gth	251.40	267.30	+2.10	1.50
Europe	164.90	175.90	+0.90	1.50
Exempt	87.46	99.78*	...	3.50
German Growth	67.57	71.97	+0.64	0.70
Global Growth	113.80	121.50	+0.80	...
Japan Growth	210.10	224.80	+0.90	...
Japan Sunrise	164.50	197.50	+0.60	...
Portfolio	126.00	134.80†	+0.60	3.20
-do- Acc	226.60	242.40	+1.00	3.20
UK Growth	87.58	93.16	+0.65	2.80
UK Smaller Cos	90.91	97.22	+0.44	1.40
Select Managers	68.31	73.08	+0.25	2.00
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD 190 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA 041 332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	111.30	119.04	+0.50	1.57
-do- Inc	101.18	108.21	+0.45	1.57
Global Bond	50.76	53.63	+0.11	5.37
High Yield Acc	59.47	63.60	+0.11	5.90
-do- Inc	42.70	45.66†	+0.08	5.90
Smlr Cos Acc	102.95	110.12	+0.33	1.35
-do- Inc	94.65	101.23	+0.30	1.35
Amer Gth Acc	61.44	65.71	+0.09	...
-do- Inc	60.30	64.49†	+0.07	...
Euro Gth Acc	114.44	122.40	+0.26	1.07
-do- Inc	112.87	120.72	+0.26	1.07
Mngd P folio	38.69	41.38	+0.15	1.29
Pacific Growth	110.02	117.66	+0.82	0.58
Intl Spec Opps	102.51	109.64	+0.84	0.67
BROWN SHIPLEY 9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 458144				
Financial	141.00	150.20*	-0.50	2.79
Smaller Cos Acc	224.20	246.90	+0.80	...
Smaller Cos Inc	188.60	201.80	-0.40	1.07
High Inc	77.91	83.39	+0.01	6.28
Income	140.00	149.50	+0.50	3.67
Mngd P folio Inc	99.28	105.30	+0.40	1.86
-do- Acc	198.90	201.20	+0.80	...
North American	108.40	115.40	+1.50	0.19
Orient	137.20	147.90	+1.10	...
Recovery	44.83	47.98	+0.04	2.33
German	44.73	47.87	-0.25	0.08
Intl Growth	36.57	39.56	+0.47	0.20
European Inc	27.32	29.11	-0.01	0.45
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL 071 480 7216				
Stg Gilt Fxd Int	67.59	69.81	+0.04	5.07
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH 061 837 5060				
Environ	144.10	153.30	+0.20	1.58
UK Growth	156.00	166.00*	+0.30	2.04
UK Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	+0.10	3.94
CANNON LINCOLN FUND MANAGERS 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081 902 8876				
SE Asia	93.10	99.04	+0.32	1.17
Growth	46.74	49.94	+0.33	2.78
Income	55.82	[illegible]	+0.38	3.99
Far East	52.12	55.74	+0.30	...
North American	94.74	100.50	+1.74	...
Global	92.11	98.53	+1.19	0.62
European	77.92	83.29	+0.58	0.62
Japan	122.30	130.80	+0.50	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	61.31	64.94	+0.47	5.96
UK Cap Gwth	96.95	102.82	+0.21	1.81
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 36 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF Enquiries: 061 236 5455 Dealing: 061 236 5362 Capability Trusts				
American Gen	136.70	145.40	+1.70	0.22
-do- Acc	145.30	154.50	+1.80	0.22
European	73.16	78.41*	+0.51	0.77
-do- Acc	74.66	79.13	+0.65	0.77
Far East Gen	70.85	75.38	+0.57	...
-do- Acc	70.85	75.38	+0.57	...
Glentrust	281.70	299.70	-3.60	0.63
-do- Acc	317.10	337.40	+4.10	0.63
Growth	403.00	431.10†	+0.80	2.16
-do- Acc	699.00	747.60	+1.50	2.16
Income Growth	399.20	424.70†	-0.80	3.64
-do- Acc	542.40	577.10	-1.00	3.64
Master Portfolio	10082.0	10464.0†	+37.00	2.02
-do- Acc	11745.0	12190.0	+43.00	2.02
Special Sits	93.32	99.28†	+0.12	2.10
-do- Acc	110.31	117.36	+0.14	2.10
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1304.0	1345.0	+6.00	4.06
-do- Acc	1539.0	1587.0	+7.00	4.06
CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU 071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5855				
American Index	195.90	208.90	+2.20	1.58
Capital	574.50	613.10	+2.40	2.21
Euromark 100	141.20	150.40	+2.00	1.37
Euro Gth	90.14	96.10	+0.97	0.88
Far East Growth	99.30	106.00	+1.00	0.07
Global Bond	24.10	25.39†	+0.28	5.89
Hong Kong	85.97	91.75	-0.35	0.75
Income	548.90	585.80	+1.90	3.73
Intl Growth	77.56	82.77	+0.97	0.17
Japan Growth	297.20	317.20	+4.30	...
Japan Smllr Cos	37.84	40.38	+0.46	...
Japan Index	86.25	92.05	+0.78	0.23
Nth American	445.90	475.90	+4.20	0.46
S pore Mly Gth	62.84	67.06	+2.31	...
The Footsie Fd	113.70	120.10	-0.70	2.56
Tiger Index	154.10	164.50	+1.60	0.60
Trizle Index	112.80	120.40†	+0.30	2.09
UK Index	131.30	140.10†	+0.70	2.86
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH 071 606 0708				
American P folio	87.95	93.92	+0.54	1.05
European P folio	80.66	86.23	+0.71	0.98
Japanese P folio	71.19	75.69	...	...
Pacific P folio	111.04	119.40	...	1.08
Cazenove P folio	76.74	82.08†	+0.05	2.63
UK Income Gth	69.22	74.18	+0.24	4.58
Utility & Bond	54.78	55.59	-0.05	7.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	618.22	619.95	...	4.81
Fixed Int	159.75	160.00	...	9.06
Deposit	5.65	...	5.77	...
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Income	613.51	621.79	...	4.81
-do- Acc	2436.6	2464.9	...	...
Deposit	5.60	...	5.72	...
Fxd Int Inc	129.80	130.06	...	8.92
-do- Acc	177.10	177.45	...	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1 071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	67.46	71.01	...	2.13
Beckman Intl	88.03	92.90	...	2.85
Friars Hse Inc	189.29	203.54	...	5.73
Friars Hse Cap	264.89	284.93†	...	2.56
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222 Dealing: 081 686 9818 PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS) Income Funds				
Equity Income	155.91	165.86	+0.69	3.40
Equity Incom Acc	516.15	549.10	+2.28	3.40
Fixed & Convert	43.49	46.27	+0.10	6.13
Fixed & Conv Acc	116.55	123.99	+0.27	6.13
Monthly Income	51.41	54.69	+0.07	6.91
Preference	49.50	52.66	+0.06	6.44
Preference Acc	259.02	275.55	+5.06	6.44
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	126.98	135.09	+0.32	3.91
High Yield Acc	488.21	519.37	+1.21	3.99
Managed Fund	65.81	70.01	+0.14	3.17
Managed Fd Acc	80.38	85.51	+0.41	3.17
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	39.80	42.34	+0.18	1.45
Smaller Cos Acc	45.19	48.07	+0.21	1.45
UK & General	73.43	78.12	+0.38	2.37
UK & General Acc	89.11	94.80	+0.45	2.37
UK Growth	126.00	134.04	+0.57	1.91
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	166.56	177.19	+1.18	0.90
Far East Growth	115.92	123.32	+0.69	...
Global Bond	88.12	93.66	+0.94	5.09
Gold & Comm	61.06	64.96	+0.55	...
Japan Growth	127.79	135.95	+0.80	...
North America	154.77	164.65	+2.14	0.04
Oriental Growth	61.92	65.87	+0.23	0.22
W'wide Growth	61.99	66.19	+0.59	0.20
-do- Acc	64.56	69.05	+0.60	0.20
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	93.01	93.01	+0.01	5.15
Deposit Fund Acc	93.01	93.01	+0.01	5.15
Quilter Fund	129.77	138.05†	+0.72	2.36
Quilter Fund Acc	145.99	154.58	+0.81	2.36
CREDIT SUISSE INVESTMENT FUNDS (UK) LTD Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542 Dealing: 071 247 7474				
Fellowship Tst	64.45	68.57	+0.04	1.84
-do- Acc	72.66	77.30	+0.04	1.84
Income Fund S	227.90	242.40	+1.23	3.89
-do- Acc	530.10	563.90	+2.70	3.89
Inv Portfolio	71.11	73.69†	+0.16	2.08
-do- Acc	91.03	83.97	+0.18	2.08
Smaller Cos	136.30	145.00	+0.20	1.15
-do- Acc	164.90	175.50	-0.20	1.15
High Inc P folio	64.95	67.31	+0.31	4.28
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	89.37	95.07	+0.27	0.83
Japanese Acc	67.50	71.81	+0.23	...
UK Balncd Inc	135.10	143.72	+0.10	2.40
-do- Acc	159.30	169.57	+0.20	2.40
UK Growth Acc	218.40	232.30	+0.10	1.93
UK High Inc	143.90	153.00	+0.30	5.70
-do- Acc	174.10	185.20	+0.30	5.70
N America Acc	115.20	122.60	+1.00	0.32
European Acc	170.30	181.23	+0.10	0.39
UK Pref Fd Inc	62.23	65.92	+0.02	6.68
-do- Acc	102.40	108.60†	...	6.68
Intl Sp Sits Acc	50.96	54.14	+0.12	0.21
Environmntl Opp	75.73	80.56	-0.02	1.53
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	115.00	122.30	+1.60	0.41
UK Smllr Cos	220.30	234.10	+0.60	1.07
Eurofund	40.59	43.00	+0.56	0.93
Mngd Exempt	179.90	194.40	+1.20	2.55
Growth Inc	226.90	241.30†	+0.73	3.11
High Dist	155.30	165.00	+0.50	4.55
International	343.00	364.40	+2.20	0.94
Intl Income	85.58	91.36	+0.60	2.85
Pacific	132.34	140.24	+0.27	0.45
Smllr Jap Cos	79.01	83.95	+1.59	...
Tokyo	221.80	235.70	-1.00	...
Japan Exempt	131.50	135.40	+0.50	0.37
Sm Jap Exempt	637.40	654.90	-14.90	0.80
Equity Income	130.50	138.70	+0.60	3.60
Formerly Targett				
Euro Spec Sits	151.40	160.30	+1.80	0.48
Financial	45.94	48.81	+0.10	2.46
Global Opps Inc	94.34	100.20	+0.69	1.00
-do- Acc	97.78	103.90	+0.80	1.00
Gold Gen Inc	52.26	55.53	+0.47	0.54
-do- Acc	100.30	106.60	+0.90	0.54
Japan General	173.10	183.90	+1.50	...
Preference	23.72	25.20	+0.02	7.21
Worldwide Cap	210.20	223.30†	+1.40	1.79
World Income	89.14	94.71	+0.72	3.14
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7261				
Endurance	188.30	200.30	...	0.85
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks. HP21 7QW 0296 431480				
Pelican	112.81	118.75	+0.26	3.17
High Income	131.31	138.22	+0.27	4.41
Tst of Inv Tsts	165.11	173.80†	+0.37	2.09
Special Sits	89.34	94.04	+0.17	2.00
North American	108.38	114.08	+0.84	0.96
Far Eastern	264.51	278.43†	-0.29	1.58
Intl Growth	103.89	109.36	+0.47	1.12
European	69.75	73.42	+0.89	1.84
Smaller Cos	71.35	75.11	+0.02	1.90
FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE 0273 220 707				
United Charities	238.00	253.20	...	3.43
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	5.30
European Tst	141.00	150.00	+1.00	...
High Income	27.65	29.10†	+0.10	5.73
FOREIGN & COLONIAL 8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	100.50	106.20†	-1.10	0.58
Far Eastern	147.60	158.20	+0.70	...
High Income	23.97	25.53†	-0.09	10.00
Oseas Income	92.48	98.67	+1.24	3.05
UK Growth	101.90	109.00†	+0.70	0.86
UK Income	109.20	116.80	+0.60	2.83
US Smaller Cos	273.70	292.70	+4.40	...
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT LTD 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100				
Amer Gth	51.41	54.59	+0.71	...
-do- Acc	51.41	54.59	+0.71	...
Am Smllr Co	457.30	488.90	+7.40	...
-do- Acc	467.10	499.50	+7.50	...
Capital	303.60	322.90	+0.30	1.53
-do- Acc	422.80	449.70	+0.40	1.53
Contl Smllr Cos	50.29	53.98	+0.41	0.93
-do- Acc	52.57	56.43	+0.43	0.93
Convertible	120.90	128.60	+0.30	5.60
-do- Acc	229.60	244.20	+0.60	5.60
Emg Mark	59.67	63.75	+0.94	...
-do- Acc	59.67	63.75	+0.94	...
European	103.10	110.20	+0.70	0.71
-do- Acc	107.50	114.80	+0.70	0.71
Extra Income	315.00	335.00	+0.90	3.66
-do- Acc	451.00	479.70	+1.20	3.66
Financial	117.50	125.70	+0.90	0.15
-do- Acc	123.00	131.60	+1.00	0.15
Gilt Gth Tst	67.92	70.04	+0.02	5.78
-do- Acc	87.76	90.49	+0.02	5.78
Health Fund Inc	120.50	128.70	+1.00	...
-do- Acc	120.50	128.70	+1.00	...
Income Tst	194.20	206.50	+0.80	3.24
-do- Acc	275.20	292.70	+1.20	3.24
Intl Growth	340.00	363.30	+3.10	...
-do- Acc	377.60	403.40	+3.40	...
Japan Gen	195.00	208.30	+1.40	...
-do- Acc	196.90	210.40	+1.50	...
Mngd P folio Inc	97.47	102.60	+0.50	0.81
-do- Acc	102.60	107.90	+0.50	0.81
Monthly Income	163.40	173.80	+0.30	3.59
Qrtly Inc	53.23	56.62	+0.16	5.43
-do- Acc	53.99	57.42	+0.15	5.43
Recovery	313.00	334.70	+2.60	0.36
-do- Acc	367.70	393.23	+3.00	0.36
UK Growth	49.76	53.23	+0.14	2.27
-do- Acc	49.79	53.20	+0.14	2.27
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts. SP1 3SH Dealing: 0722 411411 Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	369.95	393.56	+0.91	2.60
-do- Acc	755.42	803.64	+1.84	2.60
Euro Gth Dist	116.10	123.51†	+0.77	0.69
-do- Acc	120.15	127.82	+0.08	0.69
Fixed Int Dist	140.28	148.38	+0.09	5.87
-do- Acc	237.22	250.92	+0.15	5.87
Intl Gth Dist	82.55	87.95	+0.40	0.61
-do- Acc	95.73	101.20	+0.41	0.61
Nth Amer Dist	175.50	185.55†	+1.40	0.88
-do- Acc	191.26	202.41†	+1.52	0.88
Pac Basin Dist	265.45	282.39†	+0.35	0.02
-do- Acc	270.51	287.45	+0.36	0.02
Stewardship Dist	217.98	229.26	+0.59	1.68
-do- Acc	379.16	423.26	+0.71	1.68
Stwd Inc Dist	67.60	71.91†	+0.20	3.09
-do- Acc	94.29	100.27	+0.25	3.09
N Am Stwd Dist	102.48	109.55†	+0.70	...
-do- Acc	107.94	114.83†	+0.77	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS Alban Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, Lond EC2Y 5AS. 071 710 4567 Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	145.40	155.60	+2.20	...
European	458.10	497.30	+0.80	0.57
Far East General	247.00	264.20	+2.80	0.25
Germany	110.30	116.80	+0.50	0.34
Global Assets In	74.12	79.05	+0.51	2.04
Global Assets Ac	79.37	83.59	+0.42	2.00
Income Inc	157.50	167.10	+0.20	5.99
International	311.10	332.30	+2.40	0.84
Intl Income	90.17	97.20	+0.79	4.57
Japan General	402.40	428.00	+4.12	...
Smllr Cos Div	49.56	53.01	+0.08	3.65
UK Capital Inc	174.40	186.51	+2.55	...
-do- Acc	181.13	193.77	+2.55	...
UK Spec Sits	124.56	134.22	+1.10	1.43
US General	127.20	136.00	+2.55	0.10
W'wide Spec Sits	138.20	147.75	+1.90	0.09
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212 Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336 UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	46.92	50.16	+0.11	1.30
Cash Trust	129.00	129.00	+0.02	4.89
Prust Inv Inc	112.10	[illegible]	+0.20	[illegible]
-do- Acc	240.60	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Smaller Cos	112.04	120.17	-0.31	0.77
Income Funds				
Preference Share	27.70	29.44	+0.05	7.95
High Inc	34.20	36.38	+0.02	4.41
UK Equity Inc	136.67	146.17	+0.75	3.71
Global Bond	35.47	37.83	+0.25	5.67
International Funds				
Gold Intl	63.21	69.32	+0.31	0.42
Frontier Markets	46.77	50.16	+0.39	0.12
Global Inc Gth	125.72	133.90	+1.16	1.71
UK Intl	128.70	134.62	+0.17	0.33
Overseas Funds				
American	134.72	143.47	+2.20	0.42
European	88.86	94.23	+0.74	0.91
Euro Sel Opps	107.58	114.58†	+0.66	0.64
American Emerg	89.83	96.33	+0.95	...
Hong Kong	120.34	128.94	+0.27	1.93
Japan	248.92	264.59†	+2.35	...
Pacific Growth	169.18	181.43	+0.72	0.36
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 588 0526				
Intl Growth	134.94	144.32	+1.98	0.32
American Gth	135.82	145.27	+0.53	...
European Gth	72.29	77.31	-0.39	0.61
Japan Gth	85.66	91.61	+0.41	...
Greater China	148.05	158.34†	-2.15	2.85
Pacific Strategy	133.64	142.93	-0.33	0.30
UK Prog Inc	80.73	85.06	+0.39	4.69
British Growth	50.88	53.77	-0.03	2.47
UK Small Cos	47.15	50.42	-0.27	1.81
GRE UNIT MANAGERS 36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE 071 538 9666				
Cash	132.20	132.20	...	4.55
Gilt Fixed	131.80	139.90	+0.10	4.97
Growth Equity	313.40	334.80	-0.40	1.90
Guardhill	455.10	486.20†	-0.50	1.99
Income Trust	116.00	123.90	...	3.31
International	168.80	180.30	-0.50	0.01
Japan Trust	134.20	143.30†	+1.00	...
Nth American	264.50	282.50	+2.10	0.36
Pacific	406.80	434.40	+1.30	...
European	381.50	407.50	-2.00	0.16
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW 0800 838866				
Global Adv Inc	37.15	39.38†	-0.10	1.50
-do- Acc	39.15	41.50	-0.10	1.50
Inc Adv Inc	31.11	32.98	-0.10	3.71
-do- Acc	32.64	34.60	-0.10	3.71
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690590				
Canadian	81.60	87.41	+0.88	0.94
Equity Income	120.70	128.40†	...	3.26
European	143.00	151.30	+0.10	0.89
Intl Situation	79.23	84.29	+0.08	...
Japanese	149.30	158.30	...	...
North American	98.09	104.10	+0.30	0.08
Scandinavian	129.60	137.00†	-1.30	...
Smaller Cos	31.99	34.03	-0.03	1.88
HENDERSON PO Box 2157, Kings House, 101-135 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET Enq: 0277 263290 Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	94.88	101.42	+1.24	...
Asian Enterprise	138.98	148.62	+0.13	0.96
European	408.61	432.40	-3.24	0.70
European Inc	75.15	79.47†	-0.57	2.46
Euro Sml Co	129.03	137.15	+1.04	0.68
Extra Income	280.65	298.77	+0.94	4.40
Family of Funds	75.47	80.44†	-0.26	1.01
Global Bond	58.41	62.47	+0.16	6.98
High Inc	315.32	337.07†	+1.38	3.68
Income Gth	255.60	272.21	+0.90	3.16
-do- Acc	661.16	704.13	+2.32	3.18
International	243.51	259.92	+1.21	0.70
Japan Spc Sit	259.94	276.78	+3.08	...
Japan	224.48	239.04†	+1.94	...
N Amer	225.14	239.86†	+2.43	0.07
Pacific Smllr Cos	209.04	222.38	-0.87	0.33
Pref Gilt	48.78	52.43†	+0.01	8.22
Smaller Cos Div	182.12	195.04†	+0.26	3.53
Special Sits	275.62	294.90	+0.47	1.87
-do- Acc	426.90	456.78	+0.73	1.87
Best of British	59.64	63.81	+0.34	2.16
Henderson TR				
American Gth	85.02	90.92	+0.98	...
Euro Spec Sits	50.96	54.31	+0.19	0.97
-do- Acc	53.95	57.50	-0.20	0.97
Far East Opps	35.47	37.95	+0.38	0.77
-do- Acc	36.51	39.05	+0.37	0.57
General Growth	105.59	112.91†	...	2.30
Global Tech	137.34	146.95	+1.78	...
Income Growth	108.93	116.50†	+0.29	3.48
Income Monthly	...	...		
Japan Growth	88.37	94.30	+0.87	...
Overseas Gth				
Smaller Cos	77.53	82.96	+1.36	1.67
Special Opps	113.11	121.61†	+0.16	1.05
Wld Spec Sits				
-do- Acc				
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	91.89	98.27	+0.32	2.12
Capital	162.50	173.77	+1.00	1.79
Dollar	325.63	348.01	+2.80	0.01
European	211.90	226.60	+1.40	0.57
Far East	259.90	276.90	+2.00	0.24
Financial	775.00	828.80	+3.00	1.81
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	27.21	28.37	+0.03	7.29
High Yield	110.80	118.40	+0.50	4.14
Income	144.80	154.60	+0.60	3.09
Intl	227.30	243.10†	+1.90	0.17
Japan Tech	76.58	81.91	+0.55	...
Nat Resources	61.90	68.36	+0.42	0.42
Security	315.30	337.20	+1.40	1.82
Smaller Cos	119.70	126.90	+0.10	1.13
Special Sits	145.42	155.50	+0.70	1.52
US Smaller Cos	73.66	78.80	+1.28	...
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733 UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	26.95	28.83	+0.11	1.22
Special Features	29.67	31.73	+0.10	1.85
-do- Acc	35.27	37.47	+0.19	1.85
General Funds				
UK Growth	56.76	60.66	+0.23	2.00
Assets Earnings	71.92	77.60†	+0.43	2.21
-do- Acc	89.17	94.54	+0.50	2.21
Managed Invest	93.65	100.20	+0.60	1.10
Export Children	51.94	55.16	+0.52	2.05
High Income Funds				
Cashflow	50.11	53.11	+0.01	4.41
Extra Inc	55.95	61.92†	+0.15	4.58
Gilt	24.15	25.67	+0.02	6.72
Income Gth	41.54	44.39	+0.11	3.41
MIMstar	80.32	85.08	+0.09	7.67
Preference	18.56	19.72	+0.04	6.42
UK Income	332.40	357.70	+1.50	2.91
Sector Specialist Funds				
Finel Sec	63.29	67.23	+0.02	1.19
Property Shares	70.46	75.96	+0.14	1.51
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	155.20	162.70	+0.30	3.97
European Acc	124.35	131.46	+1.10	1.49
European Dist	118.30	125.30	+1.00	1.49
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	50.15	53.26	+0.68	0.06
European Perf	126.10	135.80†	+0.30	0.67
-do- Acc	130.10	139.09†	+0.40	0.67
Euro Small Cos	23.36	24.83	+0.05	0.62
French Growth	71.51	76.09	+0.58	0.48
-do- Acc	76.41	81.29	+0.61	0.48
Hong K/China	73.40	77.98	+0.78	1.56
Intl Growth	55.29	58.74	+0.48	0.68
-do- Acc	55.29	58.74	+0.48	0.68
Japan Perf	36.13	38.81	+0.29	...
Accum Units	36.53	38.81	+0.20	...
Japan Smllr Cos	41.15	43.77	+0.62	...
Singapore Asean	91.24	96.94†	+0.90	0.31
-do- Acc	91.89	97.63†	+0.91	0.31
South East Asia	251.20	266.90	+2.00	0.64
US Smllr Cos	108.30	115.00	+0.90	...
-do- Acc	109.40	116.20	+1.00	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	89.15	95.03	+0.59	2.47
Intl Bond	59.02	59.97†	+0.43	5.59
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD 10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354 Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	70.09	70.44†	+0.01	4.94
Extra Income	55.57	59.12	+0.12	6.53
Gilt Yield	124.50	131.40	+0.10	6.88
Global Income	210.80	224.20†	+1.90	3.90
High Yield	145.00	154.30†	+1.96	5.40
Smllr Cos Div	53.26	56.66†	+0.02	3.46
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	93.74	99.72	+1.10	...
North American	78.29	83.29	+0.78	0.41
European	140.50	149.50	+1.50	1.50
Euro Special	82.86	88.15†	+1.34	1.62
General	276.70	294.40†	+1.30	3.03
Japan	457.50	486.70	+4.60	...
Japanese Special	255.50	271.80	+1.90	...
Master Acc	234.10	249.00	+1.30	1.24
Pacific	291.70	310.30	+2.10	0.52
Smaller Cos	104.30	111.00	...	1.91
UK Equity Gth	40.04	42.60†	+0.07	1.64
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 550 5151				
European	79.39	84.46	-0.17	0.91
Extra Income	25.52	27.15	+0.01	3.33
Far East	29.45	31.33	+0.26	0.77
Income Gwth	75.99	80.84†	+0.17	2.61
Intl Growth	54.92	58.43	+0.30	0.64
Japan	69.75	74.20†	+0.13	...
Maximum Dist*	100.00	102.00†	...	6.91
N Amer Equity	39.35	41.86	+0.17	0.26
UK Equity	92.01	97.88	+0.06	2.81
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	54.89	58.39†	+0.41	4.28
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex Enq: 0277 227300, Dealing: 0277 690395				
Equity Dist	454.50	483.50	+2.60	2.56
Equity Acc	862.60	917.70	+4.90	2.56
Equity Income	98.89	105.20†	-0.40	4.42
European	102.00	108.50†	+0.90	1.20
Far Eastern	200.00	212.80	+0.60	..
Fixed Interest	55.97	59.54	...	5.86
Gilt	96.32	102.10	+0.10	6.02
Global Growth	72.37	76.99	+0.52	0.42
Intl Bond	57.38	61.04†	+0.70	4.65
Japanese	77.49	82.44	+0.60	...
Overseas Equity	103.80	110.40	+0.80	0.05
Pacific Gth	93.65	99.63	-0.25	0.42
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834313				
Balanced	333.50	354.80	+0.40	2.72
-do- Acc	732.30	779.10	+0.80	2.72
Cond Euro Gth	55.06	57.96	+0.08	1.07
-do- Acc	58.22	61.29	+0.08	1.07
Extra Inc	253.60	269.90	+0.10	3.63
-do- Acc	626.90	667.00	+0.20	3.63
German Gth	111.20	117.10	-0.10	0.09
-do- Acc	116.60	122.80	-0.10	0.09
Growth Port	507.00	547.80	-0.80	0.73
-do- Acc	507.00	547.80	+0.60	0.73
Income	483.40	514.30	+0.90	3.23
-do- Acc	1240.0	1320.0	+3.00	3.23
Income Port	512.60	545.40	+1.40	3.98
-do- Acc	520.20	553.50	+0.50	3.98
Japan Growth	107.00	113.90	+0.70	0.01
-do- Acc	107.40	114.30	+0.60	0.01
Master Trust	54.71	58.21	+0.11	1.24
-do- Acc	60.24	64.09	+0.12	1.24
N American Gen	140.10	202.30	...	0.01
-do- Acc	219.50	233.60	-0.10	0.01
NAm Sml Co Rec	143.00	152.20	+1.20	0.01
-do- Acc	146.00	155.40	+1.30	0.01
Pacific Basin	215.00	228.80	-2.30	0.68
-do- Acc	227.20	241.80	-2.40	0.68
Small Cos Rec	322.80	339.80	...	2.27
-do- Acc	420.30	442.30	...	2.27
UK Growth	81.39	86.56	-1.31	2.04
-do- Acc	95.89	102.00	-1.50	2.04
Worldwide Gth	294.70	313.60	+1.10	0.13
-do- Acc	434.50	462.30	+1.40	0.13
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282673				
General	82.30	88.31	+0.11	2.60
Income	66.29	71.12	-0.03	4.90
International	61.29	64.69	+0.18	0.70
American	60.91	65.35	+0.41	0.90
Japan	58.73	63.01†	+0.21	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	63.12	67.72	-0.10	1.60
M & G SECURITIES LTD Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	392.50	415.10†	-1.30	0.80
-do- Acc	444.90	512.00	-1.60	0.80
American Rec	428.90	453.50	+4.20	0.21
-do- Acc	491.30	519.60	+4.80	0.21
Am Sm Co Acc	125.90	133.20	+1.10	...
Australia Acc	179.60	189.70	-1.70	0.96
Capital	712.30	753.30†	+1.00	2.23
-do- Acc	796.60	841.40	+1.20	2.23
Commodity Acc	459.40	485.90	-0.70	0.96
Compnd Gth	896.50	937.40	+1.80	2.44
Dividend	38.90	41.30	...	3.93
-do- Acc	153.60	162.40	-0.10	3.83
Equity Inc	323.20	341.80†	-1.70	4.39
European Dh	63.31	66.90†	-0.10	3.81
-do- Acc	71.20	77.40	...	3.81
European Gen	417.30	441.30	...	0.86
-do- Acc	524.20	554.40	...	0.86
Extra Yield	411.50	435.50	-0.90	4.06
-do- Acc	1204.1	1273.3	-2.90	4.06
Far Eastern	320.50	338.60	+0.80	0.57
-do- Acc	422.80	447.10	+1.00	0.57
Fund of Inv	563.50	595.90	-0.70	1.90
-do- Acc	1027.8	1086.9	-1.40	1.90
General	38.00	41.30	...	3.34
-do- Acc	1554.0	1644.00	...	3.34
Gilt Fxd Int	61.67	65.75†	+0.06	7.14
-do- Acc	167.41	167.03	+0.15	7.14
Gold	59.00	62.40†	+1.30	0.69
-do- Acc	60.30	73.40	+0.40	0.69
High Inc	27.40	29.00	-0.10	4.06
-do- Acc	103.80	110.00	-0.20	4.06
Intl Growth	72.30	76.50†	+0.10	0.69
-do- Acc	125.20	132.60	+0.20	0.69
Intl Inc	98.40	104.10	...	4.41
Japan Gen Acc	54.90	58.10	+0.40	..
Japan Smllr Cos	161.60	170.70	+1.10	..
Midland	60.50	64.00	...	2.87
-do- Acc	193.70	205.10	...	2.87
Recovery	39.50	41.80	-0.10	2.36
-do- Acc	62.90	66.50	-0.20	2.36
Second Gen	67.30	71.20	-0.70	3.15
-do- Acc	166.90	176.50	-1.70	3.15
Smaller Cos	64.10	67.80†	+0.20	2.90
-do- Acc	123.00	130.20	+0.30	2.80
Trustee	42.50	44.90	...	3.51
Charifund 3	1116.91	...	...	5.22
Charifund 2	645.30	692.20†	-0.10	4.95
Pension ex 1	904.20	936.90	...	3.98
NAACH Inc 3	348.10	...	...	7.10
-do- Acc 1	11199.3	...	-0.70	7.10
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG 0244 680066				
Inv Port Inc	144.90	154.90†	+0.58	1.89
-do- Acc	162.30	173.60†	+0.58	1.89
UK Income	121.50	129.90	+0.46	2.43
-do- Acc	137.30	146.80	+0.46	2.43
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	89.33	95.54	+1.05	0.42
Far East	143.10	151.90	+0.40	0.16
Income Growth	75.77	80.44†	-1.07	3.22
European	74.34	78.92	-1.01	1.09
Nth American	58.12	61.70	+0.20	0.43
UK Growth	82.41	87.48	+0.06	1.96
Intl Growth	101.30	107.50	+0.20	0.67
Charities	115.20	122.30†	-0.10	3.89
Intl Income	71.62	76.03	-0.19	4.93
Japan	57.73	61.28	-0.63	...
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860				
American	193.90	205.90	+1.70	...
-do- Acc	207.20	220.00	+1.90	...
Cash	100.50	100.50†	...	5.53
-do- Acc	130.60	130.60†	...	5.53
Emg Mkts Acc	97.09	104.40	+0.90	...
European Gth	208.60	221.10	+1.10	0.72
-do- Acc	224.30	237.80	+1.20	0.72
General	490.40	523.10	+0.70	2.31
-do- Acc	932.70	994.90	+1.20	2.31
Global Dist	134.00	141.00	+0.70	5.18
-do- Acc	150.00	157.70	+0.70	5.18
Income	147.60	157.30	+0.30	4.33
-do- Acc	219.20	233.80	+0.40	4.33
International	412.10	439.00	+1.00	0.64
-do- Acc	548.10	583.80	+1.30	0.64
Japan Acc	203.60	215.90	+0.90	...
New Europe	151.40	161.50	+0.40	1.61
-do- Acc	153.80	164.10	+0.40	1.61
Recovery	309.90	330.60	-0.10	2.71
-do- Acc	391.60	417.70	-0.20	2.71
European Inc	76.11	80.78†	+0.41	3.02
-do- Acc	98.59	104.60†	+0.50	3.02
Brit Blue Chip	76.08	81.00	+0.18	3.11
-do- Acc	89.73	95.53	+0.21	3.11
Portfolio	77.94	82.89	+0.13	2.73
-do- Acc	88.62	94.25	+0.15	2.73
Gold General	143.80	154.60†	-0.10	0.61
-do- Acc	146.90	158.00†	-0.10	0.61
Pacific	98.53	105.10†	+1.20	0.80
-do- Acc	104.80	111.80†	+1.30	0.80
UK Smaller Cos	56.28	60.03	...	1.81
-do- Acc	62.81	67.00	-0.01	1.81
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD PO Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD Dealing: 0742 529 288 Enquiries: 0742 529 076				
Balanced Dist	59.63	63.78	+0.25	2.55
-do- Acc	60.55	64.76	+0.25	2.55
British Dist	79.95	85.51	+0.42	2.02
-do- Acc	90.50	96.79	+0.47	2.02
European Gth	184.90	197.80	-1.20	0.02
-do- Acc	232.20	248.30	-1.50	0.02
Extra High Inc	73.49	78.60	+0.29	5.42
-do- Acc	131.50	140.60	+0.50	5.42
FT-SE 100 Index	50.74	54.27	+0.35	2.56
-do- Acc	51.50	55.08	+0.35	2.56
Gilt Fixed Int	58.65	61.06	+0.06	6.49
-do- Acc	156.60	163.00	+0.20	6.49
High Yield	234.10	250.40	+0.80	4.40
-do- Acc	549.60	587.80	+1.80	4.40
Income	293.80	314.20†	+1.60	3.09
-do- Acc	621.10	664.30	+3.40	3.09
Japan Gth	372.60	398.70	+5.70	...
-do- Acc	393.50	420.90	+6.00	...
Mandarin Acc	106.00	113.40	...	0.79
North American	166.70	178.30	+1.30	0.51
-do- Acc	210.40	225.00	+1.70	0.51
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Dealing: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	275.10	292.60†	+3.60	...
Deposit Inc	100.04	100.04†	+0.01	4.96
Deposit Acc	123.52	123.52†	+0.02	4.96
Euro Gth Acc	315.60	337.10	+3.30	...
Europa	136.60	146.70†	+0.40	...
Intl Gth	179.20	191.60	+0.10	...
Japan Tracker	83.00	87.88	+0.28	...
UK Equity Inc	162.30	174.70	-0.30	3.79
-do- Acc	199.00	214.30	-0.30	3.79
UK Ind Tracker	150.30	160.80†	+0.20	3.10
US Eq Ind Trkr	194.00	205.80	+1.00	1.43
-do- Acc	205.20	217.70	+1.00	1.43
Asian Trader	171.90	186.20	+0.40	0.44
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	170.50	174.60†	+1.00	1.80
European	64.80	66.18	-0.04	1.50
Olympiad	59.92	61.50†	+0.09	0.24
Global Bond	48.42	48.95†	+0.08	6.15
Smaller Cos	71.01	74.25	+0.19	1.21
Equity Income	97.03	99.60	-0.07	4.96
UK Growth	87.33	90.36	+0.15	1.69
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD The Bilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222 Dealing: 0705 387730				
American Acc	47.96	51.15	+0.21	1.13
Australian Acc	323.60	347.20	-0.80	...
Conscience	64.77	69.12	-0.04	1.29
-do- Acc	69.91	74.61	-0.05	1.29
European	179	190.40	+1.60	1.09
-do- Acc	182.60	204.80	+1.80	1.09
Extra Income	76.14	81.25	+0.31	5.46
-do- Acc	116.80	121.60	+0.40	5.46
Far East Gth	176.70	188.40	+1.50	0.03
Gilt Fxd Inc	60.10	63.47	+0.05	6.24
Gold	52.80	56.87	+0.37	...
-do- Acc	56.06	61.24	+0.40	...
Income	55.35	59.04	+0.11	4.78
-do- Acc	169.40	180.60	+0.30	4.78
International	31.15	33.42	+0.26	0.66
-do- Acc	44.75	48.01	+0.36	0.66
Jap Sm Cos Acc	368.60	393.30	-0.30	...
S pore Mly Acc	212.20	227.50	+1.20	...
Smllr Cos Acc	26.26	28.23	-0.06	0.80
Special Sits	34.11	36.67	+0.14	1.66
-do- Acc	39.29	42.24	+0.17	1.66
Tokyo	92.16	98.30	+1.06	...
-do- Acc	93.09	99.29	+1.07	...
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5322				
N&P UK Growth	70.02	74.49†	+0.20	2.62
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	77.97	82.51†	+0.03	5.70
N&P Higher Inc	213.90	227.60	+0.40	4.26
N&P UK Income	108.00	114.90	+0.50	3.97
N&P Intl	92.58	98.50	+1.46	1.65
N&P Smaller Cos	74.63	79.40	-3.04	1.70
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS 71 Queen Victoria St, London EC4V 4DR 071 407 4404				
General	175.04	186.22†	+0.91	2.02
Global	313.84	333.88	+1.08	3.00
Growth	116.40	123.33	+0.62	1.95
Income	215.00	228.73†	+1.12	3.70
Intl Bond	136.41	144.78	+0.02	6.70
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 500, Peterborough PE2 6BR 0733 470470 Dealing: 0800 626677				
Growth	145.00	153.60	+0.20	2.46
-do- Acc	257.00	270.40	+0.30	2.46
Income	233.80	248.60	+0.20	3.31
Intl Equity	235.50	250.50	+0.70	0.77
-do- Acc	257.90	274.30	+0.80	0.77
Equity	228.00	242.60	+0.40	2.35
-do- Acc	467.60	497.40	+0.70	2.35
UK Intl 25 Acc	73.68	78.37	+0.11	1.87
UK Income	63.97	68.05†	-0.07	2.91
UK Smllr Co Acc	81.09	86.26	+0.12	1.38
New Europe Acc	65.09	69.24	+0.12	1.02
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	100.90	107.92	+0.19	0.01
PEP Growth	107.82	115.32	+0.53	1.22
Intl Gth	524.95	561.45	+2.32	0.38
Income	332.84	355.98	+0.08	3.03
W Wide Recov	332.19	355.29	+1.62	0.19
American Gth	217.51	232.64	+1.66	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	201.28	215.28	+0.80	0.10
Far East Gth	240.17	256.87	+1.28	0.01
European Gth	125.05	133.75	+1.07	0.93
UK Growth	83.61	89.43	-0.03	2.61
High Income	90.26	96.54†	+0.07	4.25
Japanese Gth	231.93	246.63	...	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 282465				
International	185.50	197.40	-0.50	0.65
High Income	118.20	125.80	+1.50	3.40
Conv Gilt	115.80	123.20†	+0.30	5.55
Far East	335.80	357.20	+0.60	0.06
Global Inc Acc	33.61	35.75	+0.12	4.78
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	52.03	55.35†	+0.83	0.20
Emerging Mkts	70.49	74.99†	+1.12	0.51
General	50.15	53.35	+0.29	3.01
International	90.07	95.82	+1.82	1.27
Gilt Units	27.31	28.15†	+0.03	7.07
Global PEP	37.31	39.69	-0.37	1.93
Income Gth	69.62	74.06†	-0.23	4.42
European	46.73	49.71	+0.37	0.61
Gilt/Fixed Int	27.20	28.94	+0.05	5.40
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51/69 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4490 Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4314 Pricebank: 0426 925901				
Pru Mngd Tst	33.06	35.35	+0.18	1.59
Pru Csh Hvn Inc	100.96	101.46†	+0.01	4.63
-do- Acc	106.13	106.65†	+0.01	4.63
Pru Equity	693.18	741.36	+3.96	2.52
Pru Equity Inc	83.96	89.79†	+0.23	4.21
Pru European	187.52	200.55	+1.46	0.95
Pru Global Gth	83.41	89.20†	+0.57	1.21
Pru High Inc	90.99	97.31†	+0.20	4.63
Pru Intl	170.15	181.97†	+1.26	1.02
Pru Intl Sm Co	73.08	78.16	+0.48	0.60
Pru Japanese	214.86	229.79	+1.98	...
Pru Nth Amer	149.75	160.16	+2.12	0.76
Pru Pacific Mkt	82.46	88.19†	+0.04	1.11
Pru Premr Inc	51.97	54.11†	+0.04	5.00
Pru Smllr Cos	85.51	91.45	+0.30	2.06
Pru Spec Sits	102.85	110.00†	+0.61	2.43
Pru UK Growth	114.48	122.43†	+0.66	2.35
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR Dealing: 071 634 2981/4				
FA Income	164.75	176.08	+0.15	3.42
FA Japan	292.71	311.35	+1.50	...
FA Maj UK Cos	96.77	103.38	-0.29	2.43
FA America Inc	512.40	545.80†	+3.53	0.87
-do- Acc	597.10	636.02	+4.11	0.87
FA Smlr UK Cos	283.26	306.30	-0.09	1.51
FA European	269.09	285.49	-1.00	1.23
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766966 or 0800 929929 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	73.82	78.53	-0.47	3.60
Capital Units	151.80	161.50	...	1.07
Commodity	112.50	119.70†	+0.20	1.02
European Gth	169.90	180.70	-0.80	1.08
Financial Sec	184.90	196.70	...	1.29
High Return	224.00	238.30†	-0.30	3.52
High Yield	218.50	232.40	-0.40	3.84
Income Units	115.30	122.70†	...	4.48
Investment	193.60	206.00	+0.70	1.20
Japan Gth	165.80	176.40	+0.40	...
Japan Smaller	193.30	205.60	+0.70	...
Masterfund	49.82	53.00	+0.03	1.20
Scotbits	269.30	286.50†	+0.10	1.44
Scotshares	265.40	282.30	-0.70	2.60
Scotyields	232.80	247.70†	-0.50	3.35
Select Intl	136.20	144.90	+1.10	0.39
Smaller Cos	241.30	256.70	-0.20	3.67
Special Situation	113.50	120.70	-0.30	0.80
UK Equity	233.90	248.80†	-0.30	2.78
US Growth	141.10	150.10	+0.80	0.26
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria St, London, EC4V 4EJ. Client line: 0800 526 535 Broker line: 0800 526 540				
American	240.10	255.39	+1.41	0.64
-do- Acc	260.14	276.70	+1.52	0.64
Australian	137.18	146.32†	+0.54	0.73
-do- Acc	162.34	173.06	+0.64	0.73
UK Enterprise	230.38	245.73†	+0.99	2.19
-do- Acc	269.21	287.16	+1.17	2.19
European Gth	66.02	70.23	+0.82	1.29
-do- Acc	68.57	72.94	+0.85	1.29
Euro Smllr Cos	60.75	64.72	+0.66	0.42
-do- Acc	61.16	65.16	+0.66	0.42
Far Eastern Gth	76.97	82.10†	+0.23	...
-do- Acc	78.22	83.43	+0.23	...
Fixed Interest	56.77	59.84	+0.04	6.41
-do- Acc	68.94	72.66	+0.04	6.41
Gilt Income	109.80	115.73	+0.08	7.21
-do- Acc	153.35	161.63	+0.11	7.21
Income	344.57	367.54	+1.62	3.69
-do- Acc	1016.3	1084.1	+4.79	3.69
Japan Enterprise	72.45	77.27	+0.84	...
-do- Acc	72.45	77.27	+0.84	...
Japan Smllr Cos	508.00	541.86†	+5.81	...
-do- Acc	509.01	542.94	+5.81	...
Pacific Gth	101.62	108.39†	+0.41	0.24
-do- Acc	104.64	111.61	+0.43	0.24
Smaller Cos	201.37	214.79	+0.29	0.93
-do- Acc	232.90	248.43	+0.34	0.93
Tokyo	117.46	125.29	+0.82	...
-do- Acc	118.65	126.56	+0.84	...
UK Equity	224.21	239.15†	+1.30	2.57
-do- Acc	420.92	448.99	+2.45	2.57
US Smllr Cos	142.93	152.42	+1.74	...
-do- Acc	142.90	152.42	+1.74	...
World Fd	74.73	79.71†	+0.44	1.36
-do- Acc	79.44	84.73	+0.47	1.36
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	49.00	52.18	-0.32	3.72
Equity Strategy	66.69	71.02	-0.31	0.84
European Opps	76.94	81.94	-0.48	3.22
Maximum Inc	97.94	100.47	...	5.38
UK Smaller Cos	57.19	60.91	-0.10	2.33
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	362.90	387.70	+2.50	2.64
American	295.90	311.70	+3.90	0.74
Pacific	359.90	384.90	+2.30	0.50
European	478.90	512.20	-5.00	1.07
Worldwide	86.13	92.12	-0.83	0.91
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	317.30	337.60	+0.10	2.69
UK Sm Cos Eqty	218.50	232.50	+0.10	1.55
European	353.80	376.40	+0.10	1.58
North American	263.10	279.90	+1.80	0.58
Income Plus Inc	72.25	76.87	-0.08	3.53
UK Spec Sits	71.41	75.97	+0.13	2.50
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 556 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	27.19	29.10	+0.04	2.67
Intl Growth Acc	31.15	33.34	+0.06	0.95
Market Ldrs Acc	27.35	29.27	-0.01	2.75
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SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 21 New Street, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 2HR 071 626 6226				
European	$108.20	...	+1.60	...
Global Bond	$105.40	...	...	7.12
Japan Samurai	$1.02	...	+0.10	...
UK Growth	$1.03	...	+0.40	3.84
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393777				
Managed	46.86	49.79	-0.20	1.44
Equity Gth Acc	64.77	68.82	-0.40	0.94
UK Eq General	44.22	46.99	-0.30	2.00
-do- Acc	58.40	62.06	-0.30	2.00
European Acc	44.27	47.04	-0.40	0.89
Far East Acc	60.30	64.07	+0.10	0.10
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	33.04	34.94	...	5.88
N American Acc	43.56	46.29	...	0.79
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	296.00	321.20	+1.00	1.34
UK Eq High Inc	38.63	41.05	-0.30	3.45
-do- Acc	45.88	48.75	-0.30	3.45
UK Lgr Cos Inc	307.30	333.50	-1.90	3.54
UK Lgr Cos Acc	400.20	434.30	-2.40	3.54
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	N$253.76	N$253.99	..	1.27
US Eq	$2.178	$2.313	..	1.15
Far East Eq	Y246.3	Y261.6	...	...
Japan Eq	Y250.3	Y265.9	...	...
FT Europe	120.30	127.80	...	2.04
FT North Am	$1.732	$1.836	...	1.30
FT Japan	Y249.8	Y265.3	...	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	$2.018	$2.144	...	1.42
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271				
American	347.50	370.50	-1.80	0.32
British	1007.4	1065.8	-2.70	3.81
European	413.90	440.20	-1.60	1.31
Japan	157.60	167.30	+1.90	...
New Pacific	321.10	342.00	+1.60	0.96
Mngd Cash	95.90	95.90†	...	5.17
Majority Stg	100.09	101.09†	+0.01	4.54
Inv Tst	207.10	219.50	+0.40	1.62
Saints PPP	403.80	425.00	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE Admin, 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690389				
Equity Acc	770.00	823.50	+4.40	2.76
N America Acc	120.70	129.10	+1.70	0.15
Far East Acc	133.00	142.20	-0.30	0.10
W wide Bond	63.05	66.93	-0.62	5.28
European	89.91	96.16	+0.68	0.53
Equity Income	89.13	95.33	+0.29	3.67
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	34.36	36.75	+0.12	0.52
Managed Assets	125.33	134.05	+0.21	2.88
UK Income	39.28	42.02	+0.06	2.84
UK Growth	38.66	41.35	-0.07	2.10
Worldwide Gth	32.94	35.23†	+0.08	0.40
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE 0264 346794				
American	217.56	231.45†	+2.92	0.05
-do- Acc	239.62	254.92†	+3.22	0.05
British Gth	90.32	96.09	+0.04	1.85
-do- Acc	106.22	113.06	+0.01	1.85
European	104.20	110.85†	+0.86	0.88
-do- Acc	110.74	117.81†	+0.91	0.88
Extra Inc	197.94	210.57†	+0.57	3.94
-do- Acc	323.19	343.82	+0.93	3.94
General Unit	276.96	294.63†	+1.36	2.34
-do- Acc	553.23	588.54†	+2.72	2.34
Income	344.16	366.13	+0.60	3.48
-do- Acc	715.20	760.85	+1.24	3.44
International	511.01	543.63	+3.58	0.29
-do- Acc	668.96	711.66	+4.68	0.29
Pacific	367.01	390.44	+0.39	...
-do- Acc	385.53	410.14	+0.41	...
Premier Income	53.89	56.14†	+0.06	6.89
-do- Acc	113.95	119.70†	+0.12	6.89
Nat Resources	142.79	151.90	+3.70	...
-do- Acc	156.70	166.70	+4.05	...
Selected Opps	101.85	108.35	-0.78	1.20
-do- Acc	127.51	135.65	-0.98	1.20
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD Swan House, 33 Queen St, London EC4R 1AX 071 246 3000 Dealing: 071 246 3001				
Amer Sml Cos	75.16	80.17	+0.93	...
-do- Acc	77.51	82.68	+0.98	...
European Opps	65.03	68.99	+0.48	0.43
-do- Acc	65.70	69.70	+0.49	0.43
Japan	95.25	101.60	+0.95	...
-do- Acc	95.25	101.60	+0.95	...
Little Dragons	79.91	85.23	+0.49	0.58
-do- Acc	82.25	87.73	+0.49	0.58
Oriental Income	46.73	49.84	+0.40	3.19
-do- Acc	59.58	63.55	+0.51	3.19
Tiger	223.74	238.65	+1.15	1.10
-do- Acc	235.06	250.73	-1.22	1.10
UK Small Cos	86.90	92.94	+0.43	1.71
-do- Acc	101.40	108.44	-0.50	1.71
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ 031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	19.71	20.96	-0.28	0.50
Pacific Basin	34.13	36.31	-0.17	0.60
Canadian Gth	33.72	35	-0.60	...
Global Bond	$0.981	$1.021	-0.001	7.06
Penny Share	25.99	27.63	-0.13	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 606 3132				
City Reserve	53.19	53.20	...	4.81
Gilt Growth	72.44	75.40	+0.11	...
Gilt Income	54.52	56.73	+0.06	7.25
Short Dtd Gilt	111.10	112.60	+0.20	...
US Govmnt Bd	$0.719	$0.728	...	...
Challenger	98.07	101.30	+0.50	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 2 Whitehall Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG 051 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	72.29	76.90	+0.13	1.73

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return). † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price. ... No significant data.

Nissan to reduce car production at flagship factory in UK

By Ross Tieman
Industrial Correspondent

NISSAN Motor Manufacturing is set to cut production at its car plant in Sunderland because of a steep fall in the European car market.

The slowdown this autumn will send shock waves through the motor industry, demonstrating that the hitherto-unstoppable Japanese manufacturers are, after all, vulnerable to the ups and downs of the European economies and that their investment in manufacturing capacity may have run ahead of what the market can bear.

Output cutbacks will also hit the confidence of Japanese inward investors. The Nissan plant at Sunderland, Tyne & Wear, which opened as a result of an accord between the company and the UK government in 1984, has been the flagship of Japanese industry in Britain and a showcase for low-cost Japanese production methods.

Although the company insists no decision has yet been taken on output levels, a spokeswoman said it was "unrealistic" to expect the company would reach its 270,000-car target this year. Ian Gibson, chief executive of Nissan Motor Manufacturing, has already warned the plant's 4,600 employees that the company would have to "tighten its belt."

Leaders of the Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical Union, which has a single union deal at Nissan and represents some 1,700 workers, are concerned that the company, like its rivals, is vulnerable to the accelerating slump in European car sales. Vauxhall, owned by General Motors of America, has dropped one production shift in four at its Luton, Bedfordshire, plant, which relies heavily on export markets.

Although car sales in the UK are showing signs of recovery, the number of vehicles sold across Europe in the first six months of this year plummeted 18 per cent.

Despite the pressure, Nissan appears determined not to compromise its commitment to employee loyalty. "There will be no redundancies," the spokeswoman said. At first workers are likely to find their tasks a little easier because of occasional gaps on the production line. However, the company could take advantage of the flexibility clause in staff contracts to substitute employees for some of the 247 contractors' staff on site. "It is purely hypothetical, but if necessary John from the production line could become a chef in the canteen," said the spokeswoman.

The Sunderland plant is easily the largest Japanese-owned car factory in Europe. Managers had planned to build 110,000 Primera saloons and 160,000 Micra hatchback cars there this year. Because volumes are large, and almost 84 per cent is exported, the company has proved sensitive to the downturn in car sales in Europe even though its market share across the continent has risen from 3 per cent to 3.5 per cent.

Toyota and Honda, the other Japanese manufacturers in Britain, are producing in much smaller volumes, and so far their UK plants have been spared the effect of market weakness.

Toyota, the inventor of the lean production techniques motor manufacturers try to emulate, is building cars at Burnaston, Derbyshire. "The downturn in European car sales is not affecting us at all," a spokeswoman for Toyota said. "Our plans have always been to make 50,000 units per year, followed by 100,000 units, there have been no changes to that," she said.

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Sickness halts trial of Homes directors

The Homes Assured Corporation fraud trial was adjourned yesterday after a member of the the Southwark Crown Court jury fell ill.

Anthony Dobson, the founder, of Glebe Place, Chelsea; Michael Robinson, managing director, of Edith Terrace, Fulham; and Keith Woodward, of Blake Hall Road, Wanstead, all deny a joint charge of trading fraudulently between November 1988 and August 1989, when the group, set up to help council house tenants buy their homes, collapsed £10.7 million in the red.

Mr Dobson also denies two charges of procuring the execution of a valuable security by deception and Mr Woodward denies one charge of furnishing false information.

Wates falls

Wates City of London Properties suffered a cut in rental income in the six months to June 30 after the sale of two buildings for £24 million. Net income from rents fell from £7.9 million to £6.1 million and pre-tax profit declined to £900,00 (£3.7 million). There is no interim dividend.

Peel terms

Manchester Ship Canal Company has announced the terms of Peel Holdings' offer to buy out its minority shareholders under a scheme of arrangement. Peel is offering £23 in cash or bank guaranteed loan notes, plus £10.50 nominal in zero-coupon loan notes for every share or preference share in MSC. Total value of the offer to the 18 per cent minority is approximately £41.5 million.

Navan profit

Navan Resources reported a IrE17,000 (£15,880) net profit for the six months to June 30 (IrE13,000 for nine months ended December 31.)



ALAN WELLER

From left, Medeva's Bernard Taylor, David Lees, finance director, Bill Bogie, European director, and John Adams, Americas director, yesterday

Setbacks at Medeva put an end to big acquisitions

By Martin Waller, Deputy City Editor

THIS summer's surprise profits warning that sent Medeva's shares into a tailspin has required the previously fast-growing pharmaceuticals concern to put its hefty expansion programme on hold.

Bernard Taylor, the chairman and current chief executive, said the company's emphasis would have to move away from large corporate acquisitions and towards smaller-scale purchases "of a tactical nature".

He said that while he believed in the strategy of expanding by buying worldwide speciality products, "we will be looking for renewed evidence of the success of the strategy before further major acquisitions are contemplated".

Medeva was announcing interim pre-tax profits to end-June of £13 million, £1.1 million lower than last time, although the dividend is raised from 0.75p to 0.9p. Brokers had been braced for lower profits since the warning last month that full-year figures would not match expectations, but the shares still ebbed 3p to 108p.

Mr Taylor conceded that further acquisitions backed by share issues would have to wait until the company had allayed market fears by producing several good sets of financial figures, and the growth programme could not therefore restart until next year at the earliest. "We need to retrieve our reputation before considering a return to corporate acquisitions," he added.

Medeva's newly chastened approach to expansion calls into question the role of Ian Gowrie-Smith, the group's founder and the man most responsible for the chain of purchases that have built it up. Mr Gowrie-Smith continues as managing director and deputy chairman, and his role would be unaffected by the continuing search for a chief executive. Mr Taylor said, although he could not say if Mr Gowrie-Smith would be less busy than hitherto.

The stock market expects various difficulties, the two most significant in the United States, to knock some £10 million off this year's pre-tax profits. The interim figures show that some £6.7 million of this shortfall has been taken into the first half.

The need to close down production for several weeks at the MD plant outside Los Angeles at the request of the American Food and Drug Administration had cost about £1 million in lost sales and costs incurred in upgrading the works. Medeva has not yet heard if the work done is sufficient to placate the regulator, but Mr Taylor said he did not think any more would have to be done. A stock-take at wholesaler level at IMS, also based on the West Coast, had found excess unsold products, suggesting a £3.7 million reduction in operating profits, putting the subsidiary into a first-half loss although it was expected to return to break-even for the full year.

The rest of the damage came from Europe, where progress was slower than expected, with a number of markets unsettled by healthcare cost controls. One-off costs had exaggerated the usual imbalance between first- and second-half results, Mr Taylor said.

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Cost cuts help Wace to 27% rise

By Susan Gilchrist

WACE, the printing group, began to emerge from its troubled past yesterday as it reported a 27 per cent rise in interim profit, despite the absence of a sustained recovery in most of its markets.

Trevor Grice, who was brought in as chief executive last November, said: "I am not unhappy with where we are. We have some very good businesses, which we will make even better."

Pre-tax profit rose from £5.5 million to £7 million for the six months to June 30 as the benefits of stringent cost cutting, particularly job losses, filtered down to the bottom line. More than 200 jobs were cut during the period.

The dividend, which was passed at the year-end in December, has been restored at 1.0p against 2.25p at the interim stage last year.

Group borrowings have started to come down, with a £4.4 million reduction during the period to £84.3 million. Although gearing stands at 175 per cent, Mr Grice says he is comfortable with the group's finances: "I am not interested in gearing. I am more interested in generating cash." He has no plans to make disposals to reduce borrowings, but intends to concentrate on turning round the existing operations. "There are so many operational gains we can get over the next year or two. That is where we will get the best rewards," he said.

The DTI is still investigating share dealings by relatives of John Clegg, former Wace chief executive. However, Mr Grice distanced the group from the enquiry: "It has nothing to do with the company. What I want to do is try and focus on running the business."

The share price rose 5p to 149p.

Bradford & Bingley surges to £40m

By Sara McConnell
Personal Finance Correspondent

PRE-TAX profits at the Bradford & Bingley Building Society, the seventh largest, grew 48.5 per cent to £40.1 million in the first half of 1993 in spite of a £2.6 million increase in bad debt provisions.

Actual and potential mortgage losses cost the society £28.3 million, compared with £25.7 million in the first half of 1992 and £81 million for the whole of last year. However, arrears and repossessions at the society have fallen and loss provisions in the second half of the year are expected to be "well below" 1992 levels.

Geoffrey Lister, the society's chief executive, said: "The housing market has not yet fully recovered, but with interest rates likely to remain at the current low levels for a significant period, we can expect a slow but steady recovery."

Like other societies, the Bradford & Bingley has been widening the margins between the rates it pays to savers and the rates it charges borrowers for loans. This helped raise profits, bringing the total net interest received by the society to £126.2 million, up from £105.6 million in the first six months of last year.

Assets, including mortgages, also increased by 1.6 per cent to £13.26 billion, up from £13.05 billion in 1992, in spite of the sluggish housing market. Management expenses have risen at the Bradford & Bingley from £71.6 million to £73 million.

These have also risen at Newcastle Building Society, from £7.6 million to £10.8 million. However, the Newcastle still reported £6.4 million pre-tax profits (£5.9 million).

Total assets grew 4.85 per cent in the first six months of the year. Bad debt provisions were up from £249,000 in the first half of 1992 to £648,000 in the first half of 1993. The Newcastle's gross capital ratio rose from 5.72 per cent to 8.04 per cent, while its free capital ratio in the first six months of the year was 6.96 per cent, up from 4.61 per cent.

Bill Midgley, the Newcastle's group managing director, described the society's figures as "very encouraging", coming as they did against a backround of uncertainty in the housing market and heavy competition in the retail savings market. However, he said: "Market conditions will continue to be difficult."

Invesco races ahead after management shake-up

By Sara McConnell
Personal Finance Correspondent

A RADICAL management overhaul at Invesco, the troubled investment manager, appeared to be bearing fruit yesterday, as the group posted half-year pre-tax profits of £22.9 million to June 1993 compared with £926,000 for the comparable time last year.

Charles Brady, Invesco's chairman, said that management in the group's companies in Japan, America and Europe, including the UK, had been restructured to eliminate overlapping roles and "tidy up" the businesses. The company was aiming not just to cut costs, but to increase revenues, he said.

Mr Brady is part of a new team brought in to turn round Invesco, particularly in the UK. Two months ago, the UK fund management business came close to being closed by the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation after admitting 55 breaches of Imro rules. It was fined a record £750,000, with £1.6 million costs.

Profits were helped by the sale of a holding in Second Consolidated Trust, which realised £2.5 million, and sales of MIM Property Services and Invesco Ventures, which brought in £1.4 million.

Mr Brady said: "Our problems with Imro are a thing of the past. We are strengthening our management, getting ourselves re-established. This is a solid balance sheet. People entrust millions of pounds to us. We are not going for the quick fix."

Funds under management worldwide grew to £43 billion from £31 billion last time.

The group is maintaining its interim dividend of 1p and its profits have produced basic earnings per share of 7.1p (1.4p loss).

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DENZIL McNEELANCE

Charles Brady, who is helping to turn round Invesco

Graseby to cut final dividend

GRASEBY, the electronics group whose advanced products are sold to Nato and Nasa, is maintaining its 1993 interim dividend on the back of higher profits, but says that this year's final dividend will be cut (Colin Campbell writes).

John Jackson, the chairman, said that the decision to cut the final from 7.6p to 3.3p a share, to make a year's total distribution of 6.6p a share, down from 10.9p paid in 1992, was "the right thing to do". Yesterday's interim was held at 3.3p a share, declared out of net earnings of 5.7p a share.

He said that when he explains the logic to the institutional shareholders, he will argue that the decision will save the group £2.7 million. It will help strengthen the balance sheet and clip gearing, which stands at 119 per cent.

Graseby did not need, nor had considered making, a rights issue, he added. The shares initially fell 13p to 172p, before recovering to 179p.

Half-time pre-tax profits were £4.87 million on a turnover of £55.1 million, compared with profits of £4.11 million on sales of £51.9 million previously.

Standard Chartered sued for £98m

By A Correspondent

STANDARD Chartered, the British banking group, faces legal action in Singapore's High Court. Datuk Yap Yong Seong, a Malaysian businessman, is claiming S$237.94 million (£98 million) in damages through Monsia Investments, his company.

Standard Chartered said it considered that the claim, which originated in Malaysia in 1989, was "without merit and wholly misconceived and on the basis of legal advice will vigorously and confidently defend the action." The bank said a similar claim had been made in Malaysia but was thrown out by that country's courts in 1989. The bank added it was continuing to press its own claims in the Malaysian courts to recover debts from Datuk Yap.

An industry source said the dispute went back to the 1980s when Standard sold assets held as securities on unpaid debts of the plaintiff, including a Singapore hotel.

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BT calls tune to protect $4.3bn investment

From Philip Robinson
in New York

BRITISH Telecom disclosed a six-point plan designed to protect its $4.3 billion investment in MCI Communications, the second-largest American long distance telephone carrier. The plan is believed to be the most extensive control gained by a UK group over an American company without obtaining outright control and will include veto powers over any big acquisitions and disposals.

The details emerged from documents lodged by the two companies with the US Federal Communications Commission, seeking its approval for BT to take a 20 per cent stake in MCI. Under American rules, foreigners may own only 25 per cent of equity of companies holding radio and telecommunications licences.

MCI estimates that overseas ownership of its shares would total 24.98 per cent if the BT deal goes through. Under the agreement, BT's approval would be required before MCI can enter "certain business combinations" in the first four years. A BT spokesman said in New York: "We have not specified what these are. It's very early days in our agreement with MCI and we are still working out a number of aspects of the deal."

Those already spelt out give BT a veto on deals whose value would be based on a percentage of MCI's market value: any acquisition that tops 20 per cent; any asset sales over 15 per cent and it must approve acquisitions over 5 per cent.

MCI would not be allowed to increase debt above 65 per cent of its capital, not seek a buyer for the company for seven years, and allow BT to compete with others for services, which MCI may put up for auction. BT has agreed not to lift its MCI stake for ten years, nor put the company "in play" for others to bid. It will have three seats on MCI's 15-member board.

Tressan MacCarthy, an analyst at Panmure Gordon, the broker in London, said the veto would protect BT's shareholding from dilution. BT expects to complete the investment by next February or March.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

BROOK nee DAWSON, RUTH OLGA BROOK nee DAWSON WIDOW late of Leeds, West Yorkshire died there on 8 August 1992 (Estate about £7,000)

HORNGOLD, FREDERICK HENRY HORNGOLD late of Downham, Essex died there on 28 April 1991 (Estate about £41,000)

HOWMAN DORIS HOWMAN nee LANGHAM WIDOW late of Nottingham died there on 19 April 1992 (Estate about £40,000)

HUSKISSON, HAROLD EDGAR HUSKISSON late of Wakefield, West Midlands died there on 23 May 1992 (Estate about £28,000)

JAMES nee HARPER, ELIZABETH EDNA JAMES nee HARPER WIDOW late of Cotsall, Staffordshire died at Wolverhampton, West Midlands on 28 December 1992 (Estate about £17,000)

JURALDA, STANISLAW JURALDA late of Peterborough, Cambridgeshire died there on 29 September 1992 (Estate about £70,000)

KROEGER otherwise EVELEIGH, PHILIP HENRY BARR KROEGER otherwise PHILIP HENRY BARR EVELEIGH otherwise PHILIP HENRY EVELEIGH late of Swalecliffe, Herne, Kent died there on 7 March 1993 (Estate about £45,000)

LYNCH, JOANNA LYNCH otherwise JOSEPHINE LYNCH SPINSTER late of Hampstead, London NW3 died there on 25 August 1991 (Estate about £18,700)

MARTIN, PHYLLIS ELISABETH IVY MARTIN otherwise PHYLLIS ELISABETH MARTIN SPINSTER late of Croydon, Surrey died there on 24 January 1993 (Estate about £37,000)

PEACOCK nee MINNS, EDITH MUSSEL PEACOCK nee MINNS WIDOW late of Wallington, Surrey died at Sutton, Surrey on 9 July 1992 (Estate about £6,600)

PENLEY otherwise PEROUTKA, SARI HELEN PENLEY otherwise SAROLTA ILONA PEROUTKA SPINSTER late of Pembury, Kent died there on 12 April 1989 (Estate about £7,000)

SAUNDERS, VERA ROSE SAUNDERS SPINSTER late of Harlow, Essex died there on 24 February 1993 (Estate about £60,000)

The Kin of the above-named are requested to apply to the Treasury Solicitor (BV), Queen Anne's Chambers, 28 Broadway, London SW1H 9JS, stating which the Treasury Solicitor may take steps to administer the estate.

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity - Alexander Fleck Research Fellowship

The Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this charity. A copy of the draft Scheme can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Alban's House, 57/60 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QX quoting reference DGY/26545-A/1-CD-LDNS. Comments or representations can be made within one month from today.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF:
1. VEZRAM LIMITED (FORMERLY COURTESY PUBLISHING LIMITED)
Company No: 01981607.
2. 800 REALISATIONS LIMITED (FORMERLY VIDEO TRADE WEEKLY LIMITED)
Company No: 02116419.
3. INDUSTRIAL INDEXES (INTERNATIONAL) LIMITED
Company No: 02507573.
4. TRACK RECORD PUBLISHING LIMITED.
Company No: 01942637.
5. MSC INFORMATION SERVICES LIMITED
Company No: 02389584.
6. MUSIC MASTER (PUBLISHING) LIMITED
Company No: 01004252
7. WATERLOW DIRECTORIES LIMITED
Company No: 02229726.
8. MSC EXHIBITIONS LIMITED
Company No: 02390260.
9. MEDIA WEEK LIMITED.
Company No: 01834751.
10. MAXWELL BUSINESS COMMUNICATIONS LIMITED.
Company No: 00878782.
11. MAXWELL MACMILLAN CAWDS, INC. (UK) LIMITED.
Company No: 00773803.
12. PATEY DOYLE (PUBLISHING) LIMITED.
Company No: 01252577.
(ALL IN CREDITORS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
On 6 August 1993 the above named companies were placed in creditors' voluntary liquidation. Alan John Barrett and Anthony Victor Lomas of Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge, London, SE1 9QL have been appointed liquidators.
Creditors of the companies are requested to send details in writing of their claims against the companies to the liquidators at the above address.
19 August 1993
Alan John Barrett.
Joint Liquidator.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF: MAYFLOWER CONTAINER TERMINAL
Company No: 1659236.
SEA LIMITED
Company No: 1434288.
BRANTFORD CARGO SYSTEMS LIMITED
Company No: 1709018
Following a reorganisation, the assets and business of the above companies were transferred to their respective holding company, which is owned by Orient Overseas (International) Limited, a company incorporated in Bermuda and registered in Hong Kong. The above companies are now all dormant. As an integral part of the reorganisation the above companies were put into solvent liquidation by the members of the companies on 10 August 1993. As such, all creditors with valid claims either have been, or will be paid in full.
Notices that follow below are purely formal and are required pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 applicable in the United Kingdom giving creditors notice of the Liquidator's appointment and the steps creditors should take to register any claims they may have against the above named companies.
On 10 August 1993 the above named companies were placed in members' voluntary liquidation and Mr Anthony Victor Lomas of Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL was appointed Liquidator by the members.
The Liquidator gives notice (pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986) that the creditors of the companies must send details, in writing, of their debts or claims against the companies, to the liquidator at the above address by 30 September 1993. The Liquidator also gives notice that he will then make a final distribution to creditors and that a creditor who does not tender a claim by the date mentioned will not be included in the distribution.
The Companies are able to pay all known creditors in full.
Dated this 20th day of August 1993.
A V Lomas, Liquidator.

The Insolvency Act 1986
CAPITAL CITY SYSTEMS LTD
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that John Colin Shuttleworth of Shuttleworth & Co. 9 Victoria Road, Romford, Essex, RM1 2JT, was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the creditors on 20th August 1993.
Dated this 20th day of August 1993.
J.C. Shuttleworth, Liquidator.

RE: TWO HEADS DESIGN LIMITED AND THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Trevlot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ, on Friday the 10th September 1993, at 10.00 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of A. Segal & Co., Trevlot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ, between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. as from Wednesday 8th September 1993.
Dated this 5th day of August 1993.
Graham Russell Penman, Director.

HEMLINK LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Peter S Dann FCA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Latham Crowley & Davis, 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members on 4th August 1993, and creditors on 12th August 1993.
Dated this 12th August 1993
Peter S Dann, FCA, Liquidator.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
ERCONS FASHIONS LIMITED (IN RECEIVERSHIP)
Company Number: 1806 285
Nature of Business: Retailing Menswear
Trade Classification: 17
Notice is hereby given pursuant to S46(1) of the said Act, that on 19th August 1993, P S Dann and T A Ashdown of Latham Crowley & Davis, 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FF were appointed Joint Administrative receivers of the above company by The Co-operative Bank Plc.
Dated this 19 day of August 1993
P S Dann FCA and T A Ashdown Joint Administrative Receiver (Office holder nos: 2569 and 7905)

IN THE SECRETARY OF STATE NO 009999 OF 1992
Notice of appointment of liquidator
Compulsory winding up
Pursuant to Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Act 1986
Company Number: 2277244
Company Name: The Swiftmaster Group Limited.
Nature of business: Electronic engineering. Address of registered office: 63 High Street Crawley West Sussex RH10 1BQ.
Type of Liquidation: Compulsory.
Liquidator: D L Morgan 63 High Street Crawley West Sussex. Office holder no. 2362. Date of appointment: 20 January 1993.
Date: 13 August 1993.

LEGAL, PUBLIC, COMPANY & PARLIAMENTARY NOTICES
TO PLACE ALL YOUR ANNOUNCEMENTS PLEASE CALL DEBRA GYNN
TEL: 071-782 7344 or FAX: 071-481 9313

Standard Chartered left nursing a two-day loss of 36p

STOCK MARKET

STANDARD Chartered, the international banking group, suffered a double blow that left the share price nursing an 18p loss at 925p. Almost 3 million shares changed hands as the fall over the past two days was stretched to 36p.

James Capel, the broker, initiated the latest bout of weakness as it tried to unload a parcel of 560,000 shares at about 910p, making it difficult for other brokers to conduct business in the stock amid whispers suggesting that the group had run into problems in the Far East. In late trading it transpired that the group is being sued by Monsia Investments, a company controlled by Malaysian businessman Datuk Yap Yong Seong. He has launched proceedings with Singapore's high court, claiming M$237.94 million (£98 million). Standard said the action originated in 1989 and was without merit and wholly misconceived. It intended to defend the action vigorously, while pointing out that a similar action had previously been thrown out by the Malaysian courts in 1989.

Elsewhere, shares enjoyed an early mark-up, underpinned by a firm futures market and lingering hopes of a cut in German interest rates tomorrow. But they were unable to maintain the early pace and early gains were halved on the back of a weaker pound and attempts by dealers short of stock to call the market lower. The FT-SE 100 index, up more than 16 points at one stage, closed 7.3 higher at 3,049.3. Turnover was a modest 539 million shares.

James Capel also unsettled the financial sector after it turned bearish of some of the composite insurers. Capel is concerned about exclusion clauses highlighted by a New Jersey court in a pollution case last month. The court decided that the clauses will only be declared null and void when pollution is caused deliberately. Capel says this confirmed previous cases in the US and is likely to cost the sector a lot of money. It says **Royal Insurance**, down 8p at 319p and **Commercial Union**, 7p lower at 614p, are the most exposed to possible claims. But a spokesman for Royal pointed out that the case in New Jersey had found in favour of the insurers and said the clauses should not be used as a benchmark for other states in the US. Capel is still thought to be a buyer of **General Accident**, unchanged at 687p. **British Aerospace** rallied 3p to 438p as the group continued to try to reassure the City about ratification of the joint venture with Taiwan Aerospace to build a short-haul aircraft. The deal has attracted the attention of Dassault, the French aircraft maker, which has opened an office in Taipei. There is mounting speculation that Dassault would like to replace BAe in the joint venture, reckoned to be worth $250 million.

Gestetner, the office equipment group, rose 7p to 146p after announcing that David Thompson would succeed Basil Sellers as chairman. He is currently chairman of Rank Xerox UK.

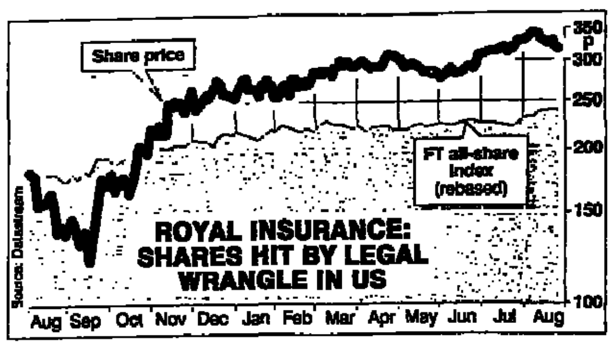
Rank Organisation fell 9p to 761p as investors switched into **Thorn EMI**, up 4p at 981p. Analysts are being taken on a tour of Rank's leisure activities along the south coast today.

Graseby, the electronic components group, fell 6p to 179p after announcing plans to cut the final from 7.6p to 3.3p. The move came after a 20 per cent rise in interim pre-tax profits to £4.9 million and a maintained interim payout.

On the USM, **Sunleigh**, known to golfers for Powakaddy, firmed 1p to 8½p after reporting a jump in half year pre-tax profits from £11,000 to £208,000. **Sims Food** jumped 15p to 109p following the put-through of a parcel of 400,000 shares at 95p. Oils returned to favour as the problems in Nigeria forced up the price of crude. There were gains for **BP**, 7p to 305½p, **Enterprise Oil**, 8p to 436p, **Hardy Oil**, 8½p to 157½p, **Lasmo**, 3p to 142p, and **Shell** 9p to 660p.

☐ **GILT-EDGED** nosedived before the close as the pound turned easier. In futures the September series of the long gilt finished almost £½ lower at £112 15/32, with 33,000 contracts traded. The longer end of the cash market suffered the biggest falls, with **Treasury 9 per cent 2012** down 13/32 at £116 1/16, while in shorts **Treasury 9½ 1999** eased a tick to £112⅞.

MICHAEL CLARK



Telekom to axe 30,000

Telekom, the German government-owned telecommunications company, is preparing to cut its staff by 30,000 and to double productivity by the end of the decade, senior company officers said yesterday.

The moves are a prelude to the planned semi-privatisation of the company. They will enable it to adapt to the liberalisation of European markets that is to get under way in 1998. Dieter Gallist, sales and marketing manager, said Telekom feared it would be attacked by future competitors focusing on its "excessive rates for long-distance calls."

Telekom earned net profit of DM6.45 billion in 1992, but had to pay the state DM5 billion, with another DM1.5 billion going to the two loss-making companies of Deutsche Bundespost-Postbank (financial services) and Postdienst (post office). Telekom does not anticipate a profit this year after similar transfers.

Riva losses

Riva Group, supplier of electronic point of sale systems, incurred half-way taxable losses of £425,000 against profits of £314,000 last time. It has again passed the interim dividend. Losses per share were 1.9p, compared with earnings of 1p last time.

Sunleigh up

Half-time taxable profits at Sunleigh, the leisure products company, rose to £208,000 against £11,000 last time. Earnings per share in the six months to end-June were 0.05p (0.10p loss). Again, there is no dividend.

Direct move

Guardian Royal Exchange is setting up a direct motor and household insurance unit. It expects to sell its first policies this year and to begin a national operation early in 1994.

Strong yen takes toll of Honda and Matsushita

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

TWO of Japan's biggest industrial groups reported sharp falls in profitability yesterday, blaming the adverse impact of the strong yen and continued economic weakness in their main markets.

Honda Motor Co's profits plunged 62 per cent in the first quarter of the fiscal year because of lower sales of cars in Japan, North America and Europe, while Matsushita, the world's biggest consumer electronics manufacturer, said pre-tax earnings dropped 7 per cent.

In addition to the high yen, Matsushita blamed low demand for audio-visual products and the negative impact of Japan's cool summer on sales of air-conditioning equipment.

Honda reported group net profit of 6.09 billion yen (£39.28 million) down from Y16.03 billion a year earlier. Sales fell to Y919.65 billion from Y1,110 billion the previous year.

It said sales volume rose steadily in Asia outside Japan, but weak sales in its home market, in the United States and in Europe dragged down revenue. The strong yen also cut into earnings calculated on a yen basis, Honda said. It estimated that it lost Y5 billion during the quarter from the yen's rise against the dollar and European currencies.

Honda is considering a revision of its earnings forecast for the fiscal year because of the stronger yen. The dollar has dropped from about Y125 in February to as low as Y100.40 last week. Matsushita said global sales were down 7 per cent in the quarter, falling to Y1,596 billion, with the decline led by a drop in overseas revenue and sharply lower sales of video equipment and home appliances.

Net profit fell 23 per cent to Y6.7 billion and Matsushita said it would continue to make efforts to cut expenses and production costs in all areas of its operations to cope with stagnant demand. In the latest quarter, domestic sales fell 6 per cent to Y814 billion while international sales dropped 8 per cent to Y782 billion.



Sales of Honda cars have been hit in Europe, the United States and in Japan

European markets give Dow early lift

New York — Shares on Wall Street moved higher at midday, bolstered by firm European markets. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 12.02 points to 3,618.00. Gaining issues led losing shares nine to eight. US treasury issues were narrowly mixed, with the long bond down 7/32 to yield 6.24 per cent.

Alan Ackerman, of Reich & Co, said: "The overnight improvement in European equities helped US markets move higher. But we are still seeing restless rotation. Leadership is brief and elusive ... The groups that are starting to look attractive are oils and insurance."

☐ **Tokyo** — A slight rebound in the Nikkei average, which ended 17.70 points up at 20,431.84 with about 170 million shares traded, stopped a five-day losing streak.

One broker at Wako Securities said: "The inactivity is worrying us. But maybe there will be some concrete statements on the economy when political party chiefs start questioning the prime minister on his earlier policy speech from tomorrow."

☐ **Hong Kong** — Share prices took a late tumble, with the Hang Seng index ending 60.74 lower at 7,327.68. Brokers had forecast some selling to lock in profits after last week's gains.

☐ **Frankfurt** — The Dax index closed 9.42 points higher at 1,897.69.

☐ **Singapore** — The Straits Times Industrial index fell 9.62 points to 1,954.87, but off the day's low of 1,945.53.

☐ **Sydney** — After the recent bull run the all ordinaries index ended 8.6 points lower at 1,924.2. *(Reuter)*

WALL STREET

	Aug 24 midday	Aug 23 close
AMP Inc	64	64
AMR Corp	65	65
Abbott Labs	25	26
Aetna Life	57	58
Ahmanson (HF)	19	19
Air Prod & Chem	43	43
Albertson's	55	56
Alcan Aluminm	20	20
Alco Standard	45	45
Allied Signal	72	72
Alum Co of Am	74	74
Amax	24	24
Amerada Hess	50	50
Amer Brands	32	32
Amer Cyanamid	52	52
Amer El Power	37	38
Amer Express	32	32
Amer Genl Corp	34	34
Amer Home Pr	62	62
Amer Intl	94	95
Amer Stores	48	48
Amer T & T	59	58
Ameritech	80	81
Amoco	56	56
Anheuser-Busch	47	46
Apple Computer	28	28
Archer Daniels	22	22
Arkla	8	8
Armco	7	6
Armstrng Wrld	38	37
Asarco	19	19
Ashland Oil	31	31
Atl Richfield	113	114
Auto Data Pro	48	48
Avery Dennison	26	26
Avon Products	58	59
Baker Hughes	27	27
Baltim Gas & El	26	26
Banc One	52	52
BankAmerica	45	45
Bank of NY	53	53
Bankers Tr NY	78	78
Barnett Banks	46	45
Bausch & Lomb	47	47
Baxter Intl	26	26
Becton Dickinsn	35	35
Bell Atlantic	56	56
BellSouth	54	54
Black & Decker	20	20
Block (H&R)	38	38
Boeing	39	39
Boise Cascade	20	20
Borden Inc	15	15
Bristol Myrs Sq	55	55
Browning Ferris	22	23
Burlington Nthn	54	55
CBS	248	248
CNA Financial	85	84
CPC Intl	44	44
CSX	75	75
Campbell Soup	38	38
Can Pacific	15	15
Cptl Cities ABC	497	493
Cptl Holdings	41	41
Carolina Pwr	33	32
Caterpillar	82	80
Central & SW	32	32
Champion Intl	32	33
Chase Manhat	33	33
Chemical Bk	39	39
Chevron Corp	91	90
Chrysler	42	41
Chubb Corp	89	89
Cigna Corp	62	62
Citicorp	32	32
Clorox	51	50
Coastal Corp	29	29
Coca Cola	43	43
Colgate-Palmolive	51	51
Columbia Gas	24	24
Commonw Ed	29	29
Compaq Comp	54	53
Comp Ass Int	30	30
Conagra	24	24
Cons Edison	36	36
Cons Nat Gas	54	55
Cons Rail	56	56
Cooper Inds	52	52
Corning Inc	31	31
Crown Cork	36	36
Dana Corp	54	54
Dayton Hudson	68	67
Deere	77	68
Delta Air Lines	53	52
Deluxe Corp	36	36
Detroit Edison	34	34
Digital Equip	38	38
Dillard Dept St	36	35
Disney (Walt)	39	38
Dominion Res	46	47
Donelley (RR)	29	29
Dover Corp	51	51
Dow Chemicals	60	60
Dow Jones	30	30
Dresser	22	23
Duke Power	42	42
Dun & Bradstreet	59	59
Du Pont	48	48
Eastman Kodak	61	61
Eaton Corp	45	46
Emerson Elec	60	59
Engelhard Corp	40	40
Enron Corp	35	35
Entergy Corp	38	38
Ethyl Corp	18	18
Exxon	64	64
FMC Corp	48	48
FPL Group	38	38
Federal Express	60	59
Fed Nat Mrge	80	79
First Chicago	45	45
First Interstate	58	59
First Union Rlty	10	11
Fleet Fnl Grp	31	31
Fluor Corp	44	43
Ford Motor	50	50
GTE Corp	35	35
Gannett	50	50
Gap Inc Del	28	28
Gen Dynamics	94	94
Gen Electric	97	97
Gen Mills	61	61
Gen Motors	45	45
Gen Reinsurance	128	128
Gen Signal	31	31
Genuine Parts	36	36
Georgia Pac	61	62
Gillette	53	54
Glaxo ADR	17	17
Goodrich (BF)	48	47
Goodyear Tire	40	40
Grace (W&R)	39	34
Grt Atl Pac Tea	29	29
Great Wstn Fin	17	17
Halliburton	40	40
Harcourt General	40	40
Heinz (HJ)	37	36
Hercules	85	85
Hershey Foods	46	46
Hewlett Packard	74	74
Hilton Hotels	45	45
Home Depot	40	41
Homestake Mng	20	19
Honeywell	37	37
Household Intl	74	73
Houston Inds	45	45
Humana	12	12
ITT Corp	93	93
Illinois Tool	38	37
INCO	21	22
Ingersoll Rand	36	35
Inland Steel	26	27
Intel Corp	63	64
IBM	44	44
Intl Flav & Fr	114	114
Intl Paper	67	66
James River Vs	21	21
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	39	40
K Mart	23	23
Kellogg	52	52
Kerr-McGee	55	55
Kimberly-Clark	47	46
Knight-Ridder	54	54
Lilly (Eli)	46	46
Limited Inc	23	22
LIN Brdcstng	120	120
Lincoln Nat	45	45
Litton	66	66
Liz Claiborne	23	23
Lockheed Corp	62	62
Louisiana Pac	35	35
MCI Commun	27	27
Marriott	28	28
Marsh & McLnn	89	88
Masco Corp	30	30
May Dept St	41	41
Maytag Corp	17	17
McCaw Cellular	54	54
McDonalds	54	54
McDonnell D	82	83
McGraw Hill	69	69
Mead Corp	44	45
Medtronic	65	65
Mellon Bk	56	56
Melville Corp	46	46
Merck Inc	32	32
Merrill Lynch	92	92
Minnesota Mine	106	107
Mobil Corp	76	76
Monsanto	63	62
Morgan (JP)	72	73
Motorola Inc	95	96
Natl Medical	11	11
Natl Semi	18	18
Natl Service Ind	25	25
Navistar Int	24	24
NBD Bancorp	32	31
NY Times A	24	25
Newmont Mng	51	50
Niag Mohawk	24	24
Nike B	55	55
NL Industries	4	4
Nordstrom	32	32
Norfolk Sthrn	67	68
Nthn State Pwr	45	45
Norwest Corp	26	26
Nynex Corp	87	87
Occidental Pet	20	21
Ohio Edison	25	25
Oracle Systems	55	54
Oryx Energy Co	22	22
Owens Corning	41	41
PNC Financial	29	28
PPG Industries	67	67
Paccar Inc	61	61
Pacificorp	19	19
Pac Enterprises	25	25
Pac Gas & Elect	35	35
Pac Telesis	52	51
Pall Corp	17	17
Panhandle East	26	26
Paramnt Comm	52	52
Parker Hannifin	34	34
Penney (JC)	45	45
Pennzoil	68	69
Pepsico	39	39
Pfizer	62	62
Phelps Dodge	47	46
Philadel Elec	31	31
Philip Morris	50	49
Phillips Pet	32	31
Pitney Bowes	41	41
Polaroid	36	36
Price Co	35	34
Primerica	54	55
Procter & Gmbl	47	48
Pub Serv E & G	35	34
Quaker Oats	68	68
Ralston Purina	37	37
Raychem Corp	36	37
Raytheon	63	62
Reebok Intl	23	23
Reynolds Metals	49	49
Roadway Srvcs	58	58
Rockwell Intl	36	35
Rohm & Haas	54	55
Royal Dutch	98	98
Rubbermaid	32	32
Safeco Corp	63	63
St Paul's Cos	89	89
Salomon Inc	49	49
Santa Fe Pac	18	18
Sara Lee Corp	26	26
Scecorp	34	34
Schering Plough	60	61
Schlumberger	66	65
Scott Paper	39	39
Seagram	27	28
Sears Roebuck	53	53
Shell Trans	59	59
Sherwin Wllms	33	33
Skyline Corp	18	18
Snap-On-Tools	42	43
Southern Co	43	43
Sthwestern Bell	41	41
Sprint Corp	35	35
Stanley Works	42	42
Sun Company	27	27
Suntrust	43	43
Supervalu	36	35
Syntex Corp	17	17
Sysco Corp	29	29
TRW Inc	64	65
Tandem Comp	8	8
Tandy Corp	29	29
Telecom Corp	3	3
Teledyne	23	24
Temple Inland	42	42
Tenneco	52	51
Texaco	64	60
Texas Inst	83	84
Texas Utilities	48	48
Textron	57	57
Time Warner	40	40
Times-Mirror	31	31
Timken	32	33
Torchmark	57	57
Toys R Us	36	36
Transamerica	58	58
Travelers Corp	33	32
Tribune	50	49
Tyco Labs	43	43
UAL Corp	146	142
UST Inc	28	28
USX Marathon	19	19
Unilever NV	105	104
Union Camp	45	45
Union Carbide	18	18
Union Pacific	66	65
Unisys Corp	11	11
USAIR Group	15	15
USF&G Corp	18	18
US Life	40	40
US West	44	44
United Tech	57	57
Unocal Corp	29	28
Upjohn	27	27
VF Corp	46	45
WMX Tech	30	30
Wal-Mart Stores	26	26
Warner-Lambert	70	70
Wells Fargo	113	113
Westinghouse El	15	15
Weyerhaeuser	41	42
Whirlpool	66	65
Whitman	14	14
Winn Dixie	61	60
Woolworth	25	25
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	39	40
Xerox	73	72

RECENT ISSUES

Bakyrchik (130)	140	...
BT (Partly/Paid) (150)	180	+½
Dunedin Japan Inv (100)	96½	...
Dunedin Japan Inv Wts	52	...
EFM Small Co's Tst (100)	98	...
EFM Small Co's Wts	54	+1
Explaura A	5	...
Finsbury Smaller Co's C	153	...
Flying Flowers (65)	82	...
For & Col Special Inc	68½	+½
For & Col Spl Capital	43½	+½
For & Col Spl Units	112	+2
Lazard High Inc Tst (100)	109½	+½
Martin Currie Pac Wts	64	+1
Raglan Warrants	26	...
Sharelink Inv Servs (250)	331	+1

RIGHTS ISSUES

Alliance Res n/p	½	...
Business Tech n/p (10)	1¼	...
Cussins Property n/p (75)	20	...
Nrthmbrn Fine Foods n/p (8)	3	...
Sedgwick n/p (165)	25	...
TT Group n/p (240)	31	−1
Villiers n/p (10½)	1	...
Wilton n/p (1)	¼	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Manpower	1101p (+39p)
Hickson	184p (+8p)
Unilever	1070p (+10p)
Liberty Life	969p (+9p)
Euro Disney	645p (+25p)
Enterprise	436p (+8p)
Shell	660½p (+9½p)
Wamford	215p (+22p)
J Fisher	82p (+13p)
Molins	485p (+13p)
Relyon	241p (+8p)
Logica	252p (+9p)
Micro Focus	1985p (+15p)
Mitel	407p (+11p)
Vodafone	562p (+9p)
J Menzies	555p (+17p)

FALLS:

Standard Chart	925p (-18p)
Siebe	536p (-12p)
Rank Org	761p (-9p)
Reuters	1498p (-13p)
SKF 'B'	912½p (-12½p)
WH Smith 'A'	455p (-11p)

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FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	7,400	Cadbury	1,100	MB Cardn	1,200	Scot Power	1,400
Abbey Natl	875	Carlton Cms	109	Marks Spr	3,900	Sears	6,000
Alld-Lyons	2,300	Coats Viyella	887	NFC	738	Svrn Trent	670
Anglian W	404	Cm Union	3,900	NatWst Bk	2,800	Shell Trans	1,800
Argyll Gp	1,700	Courtaulds	322	Nat Power	688	Siebe	1,000
Arjo Wiggn	1,900	De La Rue	656	Nth Wst W	1,200	SmKl Bch	2,400
AB Foods	60	Enterpr Oil	1,500	Nthrn Fds	3,000	Smith Nph	1,900
BAA	1,100	Forte	1,300	P & O	939	Std Chartd	2,800
BAT Inds	2,700	GRE	1,300	Pearson	660	Sun Allnce	1,200
BOC	1,800	GUS A	275	PowerGen	1,000	TI Gp	821
BP	5,600	Gen Acc	438	Prudential	2,900	TSB	2,900
BT	15,000	Gen Elec	2,100	RMC	85	Tate & Lyle	638
BTR	2,800	Glaxo	2,500	RTZ	1,400	Tesco	2,400
Bk of Scot	2,800	Granada	644	Rank Org	1,300	Thames W	392
Barclays	4,700	Grand Met	2,500	Reckitt Col	198	Thrn EMI	1,700
Bass	1,900	Guinness	4,100	Redland	638	Tomkins	2,700
Blue Circle	302	HSBC	3,900	Reed Intl	276	Unilever	1,600
Boots	2,100	Hanson	5,900	Rentokil	296	Utd Bisc	1,200
Bowater	437	ICI	2,600	Reuters	571	Vodafone	2,800
Brit Aero	2,300	Inchcape	977	Rothmans	625	Warburg (SG)	109
Brit Airwys	2,200	Kingfisher	678	Ryl Ins	5,300	Wellcome	726
Brit Gas	6,900	Ladbroke	5,800	Ryl Bk Scot	1,700	Whitbd 'A'	215
Brit Steel	3,500	Land Secs	466	Sainsbury	691	Wllms Hld	682
Burmah Cast	122	Legal & Gn	549	Scot Hydro	564	Wolseley	401
Cable Wire	1,200	Lloyds Bk	1,800	Scot & New	935	Zeneca	3,100

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):	
Dow Jones	3615.48 (+9.50)
S&P Composite	455.99 (+0.76)
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Av'ge	20431.84 (+17.70)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	7327.68 (-60.74)
Amsterdam:	
CBS Tendency	127.8 (+0.7)
Sydney: AO	1924.2 (-8.6)
Frankfurt:	
DAX	1897.69 (+9.42)
FT 30 share:	2373.5 (-0.1)
Brussels:	
General	6844.73 (-24.52)
Paris: CAC	579.77 (-1.03)
Zurich: SKA Gen	574.90 (-1.30)
London:	
FT A All-Share	1514.44 (+3.46)
FT 500	1635.33 (+3.43)
FT Gold Mines	199.0 (+1.2)
FT Fixed Interest	123.97 (+0.04)
FT Govt Secs	101.51 (+0.17)
Bargains	28734
SEAQ Volume	539.5m
USM (Datastrm)	143.27 (+0.51)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
August 9	August 20	November 11	November 22

Call options were taken out on 24/8/93: Aran Energy, BM Group, East Surrey, Fairhaven Intl, HSBC Ord, Microvitec, Mid-States, Psion.
Puts: Babcock Intl, Fairline Boats.
Put & Call: Medeva.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Sep 93	3061.0	3069.0	3054.0	3056.0	5888
Previous open interest: 56056	Dec 93	3084.5	3091.0	3076.5	3077.5	1106
Three Month Sterling	Sep 93	94.18	94.19	94.16	94.16	5875
Previous open interest: 367925	Dec 93	94.60	94.62	94.56	94.57	11636
	Mar 94	94.73	94.74	94.68	94.70	1944
Three Mth Eurodollar	Sep 93	96.72	96.73	96.72	96.73	201
Previous open interest: 13684	Dec 93	96.40	96.40	96.39	96.39	33
Three Mth Euro DM	Sep 93	93.54	93.55	93.53	93.54	8188
Previous open interest: 668700	Dec 93	94.04	94.05	94.02	94.03	12289
Long Gilt	Sep 93	112-31	112-31	112-12	112-15	34685
Previous open interest: 102912	Dec 93	112-13	112-14	111-29	112-00	11231
Japanese Govmt Bond	Sep 93	110.59	110.73	110.59	110.71	215
	Dec 93	109.92	110.05	109.86	109.99	1316
German Gov Bd Bund	Sep 93	97.24	97.27	97.11	97.16	40675
Previous open interest: 190479	Dec 93	97.34	97.37	97.25	97.28	5828
Three month ECU	Sep 93	92.88	92.93	92.87	92.87	483
German Gov Bd Bobl	Sep 93	100.45	100.49	100.38	100.39	1779
Previous open interest: 16498	Dec 93	100.58	100.60	100.57	100.53	273
Previous open interest: 32952	Dec 93	93.92	93.93	93.90	93.90	291
Euro Swiss Franc	Sep 93	95.41	95.42	95.40	95.41	2443
Previous open interest: 50689	Dec 93	95.73	95.76	95.73	95.75	1236
Italian Govmt Bond	Sep 93	111.51	112.42	111.51	112.34	33984
Previous open interest: 61859	Dec 93	111.30	112.09	111.26	112.04	4255

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 80.7 (day's range 80.7-81.2).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Aug 24	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8237-2.8512	2.8237-2.8271	[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Brussels	52.80-53.39	52.80-53.00	16-22ds	36-45ds
Copenhagen	10.2830-10.4160	10.2830-10.3210	4¼-4¾pr	10⅛-12⅜ds
Dublin	1.0655-1.0690	1.0662-1.0686	5-10ds	18-27ds
Frankfurt	2.5125-2.5356	2.5125-2.5155	[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Lisbon	256.31-258.22	256.71-257.49	117-132ds	325-361ds
Madrid	202.25-205.62	202.25-202.70	82-101ds	236-264ds
Milan	2380.10-2393.90	2380.10-2384.00	7-9ds	20-23ds
Montreal	1.9687-1.9855	1.9721-1.9750	0.28-0.17pr	0.51-0.31pr
New York	1.4940-1.5030	1.4960-1.4970	0.37-0.35pr	1.00-0.97pr
Oslo	10.8840-11.0170	10.8840-10.9230	n/a	n/a
Paris	8.7290-8.8400	8.7290-8.7500	1⅛-1⅝ds	3-3¾ds
Stockholm	12.0120-12.1600	12.0120-12.0610	1⅜-2⅛ds	3⅞-5⅜ds
Tokyo	155.13-155.94	155.13-155.39	[illegible]pr	1⅛-1pr
Vienna	17.66-17.85	17.66-17.71	[illegible]ds	2⅛-4⅛ds
Zurich	2.2080-2.2338	2.2080-2.2111	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr

Source: Extel — Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4921-1.4946
Australia dollar	2.2430-2.2463
Bahrain dinar	0.5605-0.5725
Brazil cruzeiro*	130.39-131.68
Cyprus pound	0.764-0.774
Finland markka	8.657-8.773
Greece drachma	352.5-359.5
Hong Kong dollar	11.5837-11.5930
India rupee	46.82-47.78
Kuwait dinar KD	0.445-0.455
Malaysia ringgit	3.8112-3.8154
Mexico peso	4.62-4.72
New Zealand dollar	2.7024-2.7092
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.572-5.695
Singapore dollar	2.4035-2.4067
S Africa rand (fin)	6.9241-6.9737
S Africa rand (com)	5.0226-5.0353
U A E dirham	5.4555-5.5795

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DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.5003-1.5015
Austria	11.84-11.85
Belgium (Com)	35.32-35.42
Canada	1.318-1.319
Denmark	6.903-6.923
France	5.86-5.87
Germany	1.679-1.680
Hong Kong	7.7483-7.7493
Ireland	1.401-1.403
Italy	1592.5-1594.0
Japan	103.7-103.8
Malaysia	2.5485-2.5495
Netherlands	1.8925-1.8935
Norway	7.286-7.296
Portugal	171.05-171.45
Singapore	1.6072-1.6082
Spain	135.2-135.4
Sweden	8.08-8.10
Switzerland	1.474-1.475

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high 6 Low 4½ Week fixed: 5¾
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⅝, 3 mth 5⅝; Sell: 2 mth 5⅝, 3 mth 5⅝

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5⅞-5¾	5[illegible]	5[illegible]	5[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates:	5⅞-5[illegible]	5[illegible]	5[illegible]	5[illegible]	5⅝-5¾
Interbank:	5⅞-5[illegible]	5[illegible]	5[illegible]	5[illegible]	5⅝-5¾

Overnight: open 5¾, close 6

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	5⅞	n/a	5¾	5¾	5¾
Sterling CDs:	5⅞-5¾	5[illegible]	5[illegible]	5[illegible]	5[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	3.07	n/a	3.12	3.13	3.49
Building Society CDs:	5[illegible]	5[illegible]	5[illegible]	5[illegible]	5[illegible]

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Make-up day: July 30, 1993 Agreed rates Aug 25, 1993 to Sept 25, 1993 %, Schemes III 7.26%. Reference rate July 1, 1993 to July 30, 1993 Scheme IV & V: 6.009 %.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-2[illegible]	3⅛-3	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-2⅞
Deutschemark:	[illegible]	6[illegible]	6[illegible]	6[illegible]	7-6
French Franc:	8-7½	7[illegible]-7½	7[illegible]-7½	6[illegible]-6[illegible]	8-7
Swiss Franc:	4¾-4½	4[illegible]	4[illegible]	4[illegible]	5-4
Yen:	3⅛-2⅞	3-2¾	2¾-2½	2⅝-2⅜	3⅛-2⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $372.70-373.20 **Close:** $373.70-374.20 **High:** $373.70-374.20 **Low:** $371.50-372.00 **Krugerrand:** $372.50-375.50 (£249.50-250.50)
Sovereigns: Old $85.50-88.50 (£57.00-59.00) **New** $85.50-88.50 (£57.00-59.00)
Platinum: $387.50 (£259.00) **Silver:** $4.79 (£3.19) **Palladium:** $134.25 (£89.75)

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Alld Lyon	600	7[illegible]	46	55	12	26	29
(*617)	650	10	22	31	42	54	56
Argyll	330	30	38	45	6	13	16
(*354)	360	13	22	29	19	26	31
ASDA	60	-	10	-	-	4	6
(*64)	70	-	5	7	-	10	11
Boots	460	34	42	51	9	16	21
(*480)	500	12	21	31	27	36	42
Br Airways	345	20	29	-	15	24	-
(*346)	360	14	22	30	24	33	37
BP	280	31	36	40	2	6	9
(*305)	300	16	23	28	9	14	17
Br Steel	110	11	16	20	5	9	12
(*114)	120	6	11	15	11	15	17
C & W	800	60	78	93	11	24	30
(*856)	850	29	48	64	32	45	57
CU	600	-	47	57	-	19	31
(*613)	650	-	22	27	-	48	59
ICI	681	56	55	-	17	27	-
(*691)	750	7	22	31	62	67	81
Kingfishr	650	40	54	72	15	24	27
(*677)	700	17	32	45	39	40	52
Land Sec	650	32	45	55	13	23	29
(*662)	700	9	23	34	42	51	56
M & S	360	17	25	33	10	15	19
(*362)	390	5	12	19	29	33	36
Nat West	460	40	52	57	6	12	16
(*495)	500	15	28	34	23	26	30
Sainsbury	500	27	39	40	14	24	29
(*505)	550	7	16	20	47	53	57
Shell	650	19	34	39	18	25	38
(*659)	700	5	15	19	55	56	66
SmKl Bch	420	45	55	64	7	16	20
(*447)	460	20	33	43	23	33	38
Storehs	220	14	21	25	7	13	16
(*224)	240	5	11	15	19	24	27
Trafalgar	100	12	-	-	4	-	-
(*105)	110	7	11	14	8	12	14
Unilever	1050	51	71	85	20	33	47
(*1070)	1100	25	45	-	47	60	71
Zeneca	650	54	70	77	11	18	30
(*697)	700	25	41	49	32	41	54

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Oct	Puts Feb	Puts May
Grnd Met	420	45	53	56	5	14	18
(*455)	460	17	29	36	19	32	36
Ladbroke	200	19	25	27	8	14	20
(*209)	220	7	15	18	21	26	30
Utd Bisc	360	32	43	46	9	18	26
(*379)	390	15	27	30	25	33	42

	Series	Calls Nov	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Nov	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
BAA	750	63	67	83	11	15	24
(*787)	800	31	38	53	31	40	45
Thames W	500	54	56	64	5	6	11
(*541)	550	19	24	32	24	27	30

	Series	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
BAT Ind	475	23	36	-	15	24	-
(*478)	500	13	24	25	30	39	47
BTR	390	19	28	31	13	18	22
(*394)	420	6	14	17	33	36	40
Br Aero	420	50	66	75	29	34	45
(*437)	460	30	47	56	48	60	69
Br Telcm	420	20	26	34	13	20	23
(*422)	460	6	9	17	40	45	47
Cadbury	460	36	49	52	9	15	22
(*481)	500	14	27	31	29	34	47
Guinness	500	30	43	53	17	24	34
(*511)	550	9	19	29	49	54	62
GEC	330	32	37	43	4	8	11
(*348)	360	12	20	26	17	22	24
Hanson	240	20	24	25	5	9	11
(*256)	260	9	14	16	14	18	20
LASMO	130	21	26	29	5	9	11
(*142)	140	15	21	24	10	13	16
Lucas	140	18	23	25	6	9	11
(*152)	160	7	12	14	17	20	22
Pilkngtn	140	18	20	23	5	8	10
(*153)	160	6	10	13	14	20	22
Prudential	330	19	27	30	12	16	22
(*336)	360	6	14	16	31	34	40
Redland	550	29	42	50	30	37	51
(*551)	600	11	23	30	63	66	82
Royal Ins	317	17	26	-	16	16	-
(*319)	346	6	13	-	35	37	-
Tesco	220	18	26	29	8	15	18
(*227)	240	5	16	19	20	25	29
Vodafone	550	43	55	65	21	30	35
(*562)	600	19	31	41	50	58	65
Williams	330	24	32	36	12	16	23
(*341)	360	9	18	22	29	33	38

	Series	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Abby Nat	390	15	29	37	5	14	22
(*397)	420	3	15	22	24	30	35
Amstrad	35	1	3	5	2	4	5
(*34)	40	½	2	3	6	7	9
Barclays	460	45	62	70	1	7	14
(*504)	500	16	34	44	9	21	30
Blue Circ	260	15	24	31	4	15	19
(*268)	280	5	14	21	15	26	30
Br Gas	330	9	16	23	5	15	19
(*332)	360	1	6	11	28	36	39
Dixons	220	16	26	34	4	11	16
(*229)	240	6	16	24	14	21	26
Forte	220	14	22	29	3	11	15
(*229)	240	3	12	19	14	23	26
Hillsdwn	160	14	22	25	2	8	12
(*170)	180	3	10	15	13	19	23
Lonrho	120	11	19	22	2	7	10
(*129)	130	4	12	17	6	12	15
Sears	110	6	10	13	2	5	6
(*113)	120	2	5	9	7	11	12
Thrn Emi	950	46	75	85	5	21	32
(*980)	1000	14	46	59	26	43	55
Tomkins	220	15	25	29	2	6	12
(*231)	240	4	13	18	12	18	22
TSB	200	7	15	20	5	11	15
(*201)	220	1	7	11	29	23	27
Wellcome	700	53	77	96	6	29	41
(*745)	750	20	50	67	25	54	65

	Series	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Apr	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Apr
Glaxo	550	41	65	77	2	20	43
(*577)	600	12	32	50	30	57	59
HSBC	700	26	57	75	16	35	52
(*714)	750	4	36	57	46	64	82
Reuter	1500	33	90	27	32	78	90
(*1497)	1550	13	69	92	60	96	17

	Series	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Feb	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Feb
R-Royce	140	21	25	25	1	5	9
(*159)	160	6	14	19	6	15	17

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Oct	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Fisons	160	25	28	32	2	6	11
(*176)	180	10	16	21	9	15	20

	Series	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
Eastrn Elc	500	41	49	55	7	14	17
(*525)	550	14	22	30	31	39	42

	Series	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Natl Pwr	360	7	21	26	9	19	21
(*357)	390	1	9	14	33	35	39
Scot Pwr	350	9	21	-	6	12	-
(*351)	390	1	5	9	35	39	42

FT-SE INDEX (*3049)

	2900	2950	3000	3050	3100	3150
Calls						
Sep	166	123	77	42	20	8
Oct	190	139	94	68	43	25
Nov	199	161	125	95	70	46
Dec	217	179	145	114	87	65
Jun	285	-	222	-	156	-
Puts						
Sep	6	8	17	39	64	107
Oct	16	24	35	55	82	114
Nov	27	40	52	75	101	130
Dec	37	50	63	84	109	137
Jun	85	-	122	-	167	-

August 24, 1993 Tot: 21931 Call: 11678 Put: 10253 FT-SE Call: 1258 Put: 2407
*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

COMMODITY REPORT: Robusta coffee futures saw gains trimmed in late trade but still ended up to $25 a tonne higher. Prices in London have outpaced the New York arabica market during the run up but in the short term there may be more upside potential in the US. Cocoa futures also rose sharply and finished near an earlier 22 month peak. White sugar was higher in late trade but continued to lack any clear trend.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Sep	786-785	Dec	876 SLR
Dec	814-813	Mar	888 SLR
Mar	834-833	May	900-899
May	844-842	Jul	909-906
Jul	853-851		
Sep	863-862	Volume:	15550

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Sep	1282-1281	May	1197-1190
Nov	1259-1255	Jul	1185 SLR
Jan	1223-1220	Sep	unq
Mar	1203-1200	Volume:	5347

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

		Dec	unq
Spot. unq		Mar	...
May	unq	May	...
Aug	...	Aug	...
Oct	...	Volume:	0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		May	263.3-61.9
Spot. 295.0		Aug	268.9-67.5
Oct	263.6-63.0	Oct	260.8-58.0
Dec	259.4-58.8	Dec	263.2-58.4
Mar	260.4-59.8	Volume:	750

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on July 24

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	69.94	96.53	129.02
(+/-)	-3.13	+0.03	-1.01
Eng/Wales	68.50	96.56	127.79
(+/-)	-4.00	+0.16	-0.99
(%)	-5.6	-3.9	-17.2
Scotland:	75.24	85.31	131.62
(+/-)	+0.12	-0.61	-2.08
(%)	-9.6	-24.2	+4.7

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (£/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Aug	unq	-	Mar	unq	
Sep	unq	-	Volume: 0		

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Sep	104.40
Nov	105.50
Jan	107.55
Mar	109.90
May	111.90
Volume:	414

BARLEY (close £/t)

Sep	99.90
Nov	102.95
Jan	105.20
Mar	107.15
May	108.40
Volume:	76

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Aug	unq
Oct	...
Dec	...
Feb	...
Apr	...
Volume:	0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	62.5
Apr	76.5	75.9
May	88.0	87.3
Volume:		72

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)

Sep ... 59.50-60.00

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): The Nigerian situation continued to give the market some support.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.90	+0.10
Brent 15 day (Sep)	17.00	+0.10
Brent 15 day (Oct)	17.20	+0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Oct)	18.45	+0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Nov)	18.70	+0.10

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	192 (n/c)	194 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	163 (n/c)	164 (n/c)
Non EEC IH Sep	165 (n/c)	166 (n/c)
Non EEC IH Oct	168 (+1)	169 (+1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	60 (n/c)	62 (n/c)
Naphtha	162 (+1)	164 (+1)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

Sep	163.50-63.75	Dec	170.00-70.25
Oct	166.00-66.25	Jan	171.50-71.75
Nov	168.25-68.50	Feb	171.25 BID
		Vol:	10527

BRENT (6.00pm)

Oct	17.19-17.21	Jan	17.60-17.64
Nov	17.35-17.37	Feb	17.70-17.74
Dec	17.50-17.52	Vol:	16699

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Sep	184.75-85.25	Dec	187.50 SLR
Oct	unq	Jan	unq
Nov	186.50 SLR	Vol:	0

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Aug 93	1460	1454	1454
Sep 93	1480	1460	1460
Oct 93	1500	1485	1485
Nov 93	1505	1495	1492

Vol: 282 lots. Open Intst. 3492 Index 1457 Same

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE — Rudolf Wolff
(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1985.0-1986.0	1938.0-1939.0	1071950
Lead ($/tonne)	384.00-384.50	398.00-399.00	190375
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	888.50-889.00	903.00-904.00	898575
Tin ($/tonne)	4785.0-4790.0	4835.0-4838.0	16215
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1147.0-1147.5	1168.0-1168.5	1216650
Nickel ($/tonne)	4627.0-4628.0	4675.0-4680.0	35700

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An agenda to improve the financing of small firms

Howard Davies says a framework is needed to help firms maximise their potential, and leave them better able to resist the next recession

The clearing banks' half-yearly results, with a return to profit after the seas of red ink over the past couple of years, showed that the worst of the recession-induced bad debt problem is behind them. The latest statistics on businesses failures also show that the massacre of small firms in 1991 and 1992 is coming to an end.

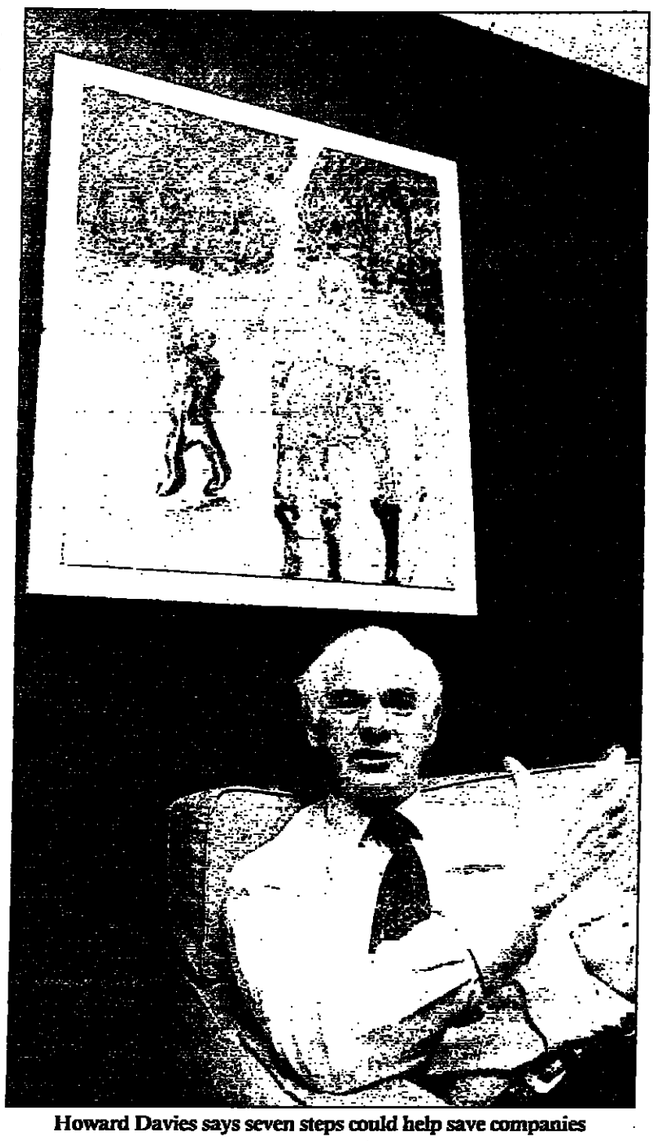
But it would be wrong to conclude from these indicators that the problem of financing small companies in the UK is a thing of the past. The recession just ending has shown up, in a dramatic way, the structural weaknesses of our system of financing small businesses. When demand turns down sharply, one can expect many small companies to go under. But British companies are more vulnerable to downturns than their counterparts in other European countries and seem to suffer disproportionately as a result.

The problem is not, as sometimes portrayed, one of greedy banks fattening their margins at the expense of the struggling entrepreneur. It is understandable that many small business people feel misunderstood and unloved by their banks when credit becomes more costly, or is withdrawn. But studies have shown no systematic exploitation by the banking system of its small business clients, and indeed the results of our clearing banks in the recession show that they have sustained huge losses on their small firms loan books.

The problem is rather that we place excessive reliance in the UK on variable rate overdrafts as core funding for small businesses. That is not necessarily a problem for stable, low-growth companies. But it can have very serious consequences for growing firms, indeed for just the firms we need to encourage if we are to rival the more dynamic performance of other developed economies and to generate jobs.

If one looks at the overall balance sheet of small firms in the UK, one can see that variable rate overdraft facilities account for 58 per cent of total debt. That compares with 35 per cent in Italy and 14 per cent in Germany. By contrast, long-term loans make up 31 per cent of small company debts in Germany, compared with 11 per cent in the UK. This makes British firms more vulnerable to short-term interest-rate fluctuations, and particularly vulnerable when — as was the case from 1990 to 1992 — they experience high interest rates at a time of recession.

Over-reliance on variable rate overdrafts is not the only weakness of our small business sector. Nor is it the only reason for its relatively fragile financial condition as we move into recovery. There are management weaknesses, too. Several studies have shown that it is often the lack of understanding of the options available that locks small firms into an unsuitable financial structure. Owner-managers, in particular, are often reluctant to give up a proportion of their equity to outside financiers, even where they could underpin the survival of their business by so doing.



Howard Davies says seven steps could help save companies

There are difficulties, too, in the way large firms treat their smaller suppliers. One in five small firms identify late payment by creditors as a big threat to their survival, and two-thirds maintain that payment delays have increased over the past year, exacerbating the inevitable cash flow problems of growth.

These deep-seated behavioural questions cannot be resolved overnight. But the time is right to think about the kind of financial framework which would make more sense for growing small firms, allowing them to maximise their potential in the upturn, and leaving them better able to resist the next recession. If we do not address that question now, we can expect another massacre of the innocents next time.

The CBI believes that seven steps, taken together, could make a difference. First, large firms, and the government, must improve their payment record. We have established a prompt payment code of practice that has attracted more than 500 supporters, mainly among large companies. But there is more to be done, and it may well be that a British Standard for payment practice, an idea which we are examining, would make sense. Second, small companies could help themselves by making more use of factoring and invoice discounting. These products have the advantage of being linked directly to the volume of sales, so that the available financing grows as the business grows. Factoring companies also have more muscle to extract prompt payment. The initial payment obstacles faced by small firms moving into export markets could also be cut by the use of cross-border factoring.

Third, the banks should make a broader range of financial services available to small firms, and attempt to offer a financing package tailored to the long-term needs of the growing firm. Given the costs of due diligence investigations when venture capitalists are brought in, for many firms with a need for a small equity injection, their bank is the only realistic option. Banks should do more to promote equity injections, on the one hand, and should promote greater use of medium and long-term debt on the other. They should also be ready to hand off business to their factoring subsidiary where appropriate. All this might mean a change in the incentive structures for branch managers, to ensure that they have an interest in promoting solutions provided by other parts of their group.

Fourth, small firms with the ambition to grow need to be ready to accept some dilution of control and, as importantly, the need to develop professional management skills. The banks could assist in that process, perhaps by linking the provision of finance, or its cost, to businesses whose managers had undertaken prescribed training. Differential charging could be justified by DTI figures, for example, which have demonstrated that small firm failure is closely linked to management competence.

Fifth, the informal venture capital market should be encouraged. There is evidence that "business angels" provide twice as much new capital to small firms as does the formal venture capital industry. The British Venture Capital Association has recognised that and is exploring ways of encouraging business angels. We see a role here for the TECs, which might run a "marriage brokerage" service to bring investors and entrepreneurs together. The government could help by allowing tax relief on funds provided by business angels. We have proposed a replacement to the somewhat discredited Business Expansion Scheme, which would target tax relief on local investment funds and — a significant weakness of the BES — allow investors to use their management skills in the businesses in which they have a financial interest.

Sixth, the government could help in another way, too. Retained earnings are the most accessible source of finance available to small firms to finance investment. At present, the corporation tax system penalises growing companies since, post the 1984 reforms, the level of allowances is more heavily dependent on past investment than present levels. This could be remedied by giving small firms a 100 per cent allowance for plant and machinery investment for the first, say, £200,000 of capital expenditure. Such a relief would be particularly justifiable at the moment, when small companies are short of funds, yet should be investing to take advantage of the upturn.

Seventh, we must find a replacement for the Unlisted Securities Market, which the Stock Exchange, last year, wished too hastily to close. There are grounds for believing that the exchange has had second thoughts. It needs to define a genuine "second market" with different characteristics to the big board, something which the USM failed to become.

Many initiatives to strengthen the financing of small firms in the past have become bogged down in an unproductive search for guilty men, usually concentrating on the clearing banks. Now there are signs of a growing realisation that the way small firms have been financed in the past is not optimal for firms themselves, or for the banks. From the banks' point of view, a variable rate overdraft provided to a fast-growing business yields 2 per cent over base; to a failing business it yields nothing, and the capital is lost. This equation does not look symmetrical to the clearers, and indeed it is not. The banks could take a lead in providing financial packages more suited both to them and to their clients. The agenda above would be one way to start.

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TEMPUS

Safer than houses

SIGNING up the skills of Baring Brothers to run a new joint venture in swaps and other derivatives demonstrates the power that well-capitalised banks such as Abbey National now wield. Abbey has used nothing more than its AA credit rating to increase the size and sophistication of its treasury department. Barings may have the finest team of swaps traders in the world, but without the backing of a large, well-funded institution it was shunned by the best and most profitable customers, which require a high credit rating from any counter-party.

Neither side is willing to disclose how the profits from the joint venture will be shared. But they are unlikely to disadvantage Abbey, which also gains greater access to the swaps markets through the joint venture as a principal. Swaps are now the hidden component in many popular retail financial products such as fixed-rate mortgages and high interest rate bonds so Abbey needs an efficient swaps team to enhance its product range.

The growth of Abbey's treasury operations since demutualisation has been one of the group's greatest and least-recorded successes. The treasury now has assets of £28 billion and supplied profits of £66 million in the first half of the year, almost a quarter of the total.

Abbey has done rather better from the arcane capital markets than from its other higher profile diversification into estate agency — which will attract other building societies keen to demutualise.

Swaps are risky products, and although the joint venture plans to run a matched book, Abbey will still be exposed to the credit risk of its counter-parties. The risk should be low if the operation restricts itself to clients as well financed as itself. In any case, the downside looks relatively attractive compared with the cost of selling houses.

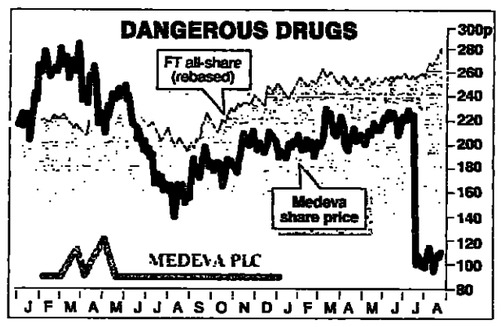
Medeva

MEDEVA insists it has solved local difficulties at two of its American subsidiaries, but it is hard to avoid the conclusion that this is another acquisition-led vehicle that has come unstuck.

The 18 per cent downturn in half-year earnings, well flagged by last month's profit warning, was hardly a drastic fall, but it has destroyed the market's faith in Medeva's acquisitive ambitions. Too many companies have started a breakneck decline with an anodyne profits warning. Investors were not prepared to hang around to make sure Medeva was an exception.

Structurally, Medeva looks messy, while the slump in the share price has frozen the group's acquisitive development at a delicate stage. Medeva has promising products, but they are spread so thinly across a range of applications and markets that the group lacks critical mass in most businesses. Ribosepharm, the most recent acquisition, catapulted it into the German market and into cancer treatment for the first time. That has little relevance to its existing vaccines and asthma businesses in France and America. The low share price prevents paper acquisitions to fill the gaps.

At 109p, Medeva shares trade at only nine times current year earnings, a heavy discount even to the unfavoured drugs sector. They look cheap but are unlikely to move far until Medeva can provide a record of blemish-free, organic growth.



Mersey Docks

THE collapse of the National Dock Labour Scheme in 1989 revealed just how profitable ports can be, even in a recession, if labour costs are kept to a minimum. Mersey Docks made pre-tax profits of almost £16 million in 1992 at the trough of the cycle, up from £13 million in 1991, and shifted 12 per cent more cargo. That growth continued in the first half of the current year without benefit of any property contribution.

Mersey's high level of productivity is helping to bring new traffic to the port at the expense of other ports. A successful takeover of Medway would allow Mersey to penetrate markets right in the South East.

The prospect of the cyclical benefit of property development profits is the icing on the cake for all ports. Mersey owns some 2,000 acres of land, of which 80 to 90 per cent is operational. A 36-acre site is being developed in partnership with P&O. Sustained economic upturn will ensure that Mersey, with its low cost base, wins all ways, as growth in traffic supplements its gains in market share and would allow it to accelerate property plans. Little wonder it is keen to acquire; further consolidation is likely in the industry.

Monument Oil

MONUMENT is suffering from a bumper harvest and too few wagons to get it to market. The company is in the process of raising £270 million, its share of the finance of the Liverpool Bay oil and gas project, but other discoveries are beckoning, including a successful gas find in Argentina where the company is now drilling two wells.

The need to finance development costs has encouraged Monument to seek bids for its Australian interests and the non-recourse financing of the Liverpool Bay project is likely to give the company more financial leeway. A long-term contract to supply Powergen with gas could enable Monument to securitise the income stream and boost cash flow, but cash for shareholders is still uncertain. Monument's policy has been to maximise capital growth and it is not paying dividends. It has still to find a tax-efficient means of returning value to shareholders.

Invesco

AS Invesco brushes off the debris from last year's run-in with the regulators it is becoming evident that this is now an American firm, listed in London by historical accident. Almost 80 per cent of the group's $64 billion under management now comes from American clients and less than a tenth from Britain. Invesco's chairman and much of the management is American and more than a quarter of the equity is held in America.

Invesco was originally bought by the then MIM Britannia as a way of expanding into America. Since then it has grown fast, while its parent has declined equally rapidly, dogged by an indifferent investment reputation and the Maxwell pensioners. The group has established an ADR so that its shares can be traded more easily on Wall Street. A full listing in New York may well follow, and it cannot be long before the group's quote on the London Stock Exchange becomes a mere curiosity.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

UBS signs up drugs squad

AFTER an absence of several months, UBS is to have a pan-European pharmaceuticals team. The secretive Swiss have grabbed Andrew Porter, one of the City's more experienced health and drugs analysts, to head a team of four. Porter, 34, who recently published a textbook on his subject, began his career at Eli Lilly, the American drug group, in the early eighties before stints with Greenwell Montagu, Kleinwort Grieveson, Chase Manhattan and Nikko Europe, where he has been based since 1989. He will focus on the UK, helped by Andrew Richmond, who moves internally. Virginia Pascoe joins in a fortnight from Williams de Broë to cover the European side of the sector, liaising with a fourth team member in Zurich. Pascoe, a former Wellcome trainee, once trained dolphins at Woburn Abbey — a little-known fact that should go down well on the UBS trading floor. Nikko, meanwhile, hopes to sign a replacement for Porter in the near future.

Heidi ho

HEIDI Fleiss, the alleged Madam of Hollywood, has been revealing what she likes best in a man — age and money, in short. And she cites as an example Bernie Cornfeld, the playboy and financier whose Investors Overseas Services mutual fund empire fell apart spectacularly and scandalously a generation ago. Now in his mid-sixties, he has apparently lost none of the charm that used to attract a girl on each arm in his younger days. Fleiss, who began living with Cornfeld when she was 19, tells the October issue of *Details* magazine of his generosity. "On my twenty-first birthday, he gave me a million in cash and a Corniche. OK? He's not tight . . . You can put the best looking 22-year-old in front of [me] and it's like, ugh. To me, an older guy that is educated and affluent is much more of a sexual turn-on than someone like Marky Mark." Quite so. Mark, I am told, is a twenty-something singer who enjoys appearing in his underwear.

Monkey business

MORE evidence of what has long been suspected — a blindfolded chimpanzee has a better chance of picking a good share portfolio than your average stockbroker. Burton Malkiel, an American author, postulates that, if markets were truly efficient, all available information would be accounted for in today's stock prices, and a blindfolded chimp could do just as well at managing your life savings. Eager to test out the theory, *The Wall Street Journal* recently launched a light-hearted "dartboard" contest, using a random portfolio of four European stocks selected six months ago as if by a blindfolded monkey tossing darts at its stock listings pages. The result? The monkey's portfolio yielded a return of 9.2 per cent over the period, compared with a paltry 1.5 per cent from the professionals.



"It's a card from Medeva"

Musical chairs

MUSICAL chairs at BZW, where Julian Robins is quitting as banking analyst to join the firm's sales team in New York, selling to US institutional investors. Robins, who has been nagging his superiors to approve the move, flies out next week. BZW has nabbed Hugh Pye and Nick Dobby from Robert Fleming as specialist salesman and analyst respectively to fill the gap. It is something of a homecoming for Pye, who was a manager with Barclays Bank International in 1978-86 before moving on to County NatWest. He signed up with Fleming in 1989. Bill Smith, BZW's head of research, has no more changes up his sleeve for now — but a week is a long time in the City. On a loftier note, BZW has established a chair of investment banking at the London Business School. The chair will be held by Dr Ian Cooper, chairman of the school's PhD programme, who becomes BZW Associate Professor of Finance.

Sea change

IT has been anchors away for a revolutionary new racing dinghy launched four months ago by Sunleigh, the quoted leisure products group. Alan Hancock, chief executive, says he has already sold 40 of the Laser 5000 dinghys, which retail at £8,000 each. Unveiling Sunleigh's trading results yesterday, he said the product had the support of leading racing dinghy organisations because of its effect of making competition fairer. "The product has adjustable rigging on either side of the dinghy which can be adjusted by the officials to take account of the different weights of the competing crews," he said. "It is the equivalent of putting weights in the saddle to even things up." A case of creating a level playing sea?

TWO City traders have found a novel way of beating the early rising that goes with the job — they suck coffee from baby's bottles while driving to work. "It helps us to wake up slowly," says Sophie Ward, who brokes financial futures in Exchange House, which towers over London's Liverpool Street station. Simon Cook, her friend works for SGST Securities. He is a Eurobond dealer, so his behaviour is understandable.

JON ASHWORTH

BUSINESS LETTERS

Facing the challenge of the loan guarantee scheme

From Mr Barry Baldwin

Sir, Christopher Smith's letter (August 23) is profoundly worrying, and his situation may well be typical of the experience many other small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) are having at this time. Having survived the recession, these SMEs are experiencing the first signs of upturn and yet are being denied the necessary working capital by their clearing banks to respond effectively to the opportunities now available.

This is precisely the situation the Chancellor had in mind when he announced the enhancements to the small firms loan guarantee scheme in this year's Budget statement, and which were implemented on July 1, 1993. The scheme is specifically applicable to recession-hit smaller businesses with the opportunity to create a viable business again and not simply survive, many of whom had their bank facility summarily reduced during the economic downturn. These businesses, like that of Mr Smith, require additional working capital to trade out of recession but to date it has not been possible for them to establish the level of commercial credibility required by the banks before making additional finance available. However, it is important that the owners of our smaller businesses understand the magnitude of the problems created by the banking system in this country. It has historically become highly centralised.

As a result, it is not possible for the 40,000 or so bank managers to have working knowledge of the 300 to 400 products which each bank seeks to promote. Hence only a small minority understand the complicated rules applicable to the loan guarantee scheme and its detailed administration, and therefore are confident to talk to customers about it.

The challenge to Mr Smith, and indeed other businessmen in a similar position of needing additional working capital to respond to the upturn, is to insist on meeting the local area bank manager who specialises in the application of the small firm loans guarantee scheme. This may appear nonsensical as Mr Smith wants to buy a service, but in the circumstances it is the only practical solution to his difficulty.

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Using Ordnance Survey to assess risk areas

From Mr David Rosemont

Sir, David Rhind, director-general of Ordnance Survey, has overstated his case (Business Letters, August 20) in describing the attractions of facilities offered by his organisation to the insurance industry in connection with optimisation of house insurance costs to the end user.

This company, in co-operation with a major national insurance company, carried out extensive studies into information available, and, in particular, the cost of acquiring the relevant computer files. Regrettably, while the cost of hardware and general software was relatively low, and within the realms of feasibility, the cost of Ordnance Survey licence fees was totally prohibitive.

Mr Rhind is correct that post code analysis on its own is far too crude. Our experience is that it is possible to provide proper house calls, by experienced staff, at realistic rates and that such visits establish accurate risk levels, and enable an insurer to build up a properly researched data base, which can then be input into computer files based on Ordnance Survey information.

Premiums based on actual detailed risk, rather than crude average, must come in the long term. Ordnance Survey should reconsider its pricing policy in order to allow the insuring public to benefit as soon as posible.

Yours faithfully,
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End the charade on NI payments

From Mr H. R. Wynne-Griffith

Sir, Anthony Harris is correct to warn us of the possibility the Chancellor will remove the upper limit on national insurance contributions paid by employees (The Tory selective employment tax, August 17).

This warning reminds us that national insurance contributions and income tax are really no different: they are a source of revenue to meet government expenditure. National insurance contributions, while not limited for the employer, remain a badly designed tax for the employee. Would it not be better to get rid of the charade of claiming a distinction between the two.

As a *quid pro quo*, personal investment income could be free of tax as an offset against increased national insurance contributions. In this way, employed people would be encouraged to save and to invest directly in shares, much as they have been encouraged to do under BES arrangements.

Yours faithfully,
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Share gains halved

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BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
425	345	Abbey Ntl	398 †	+2	11.5	3.6	15.3
294	179	Allied Irish	270 †	-1	...	3.8	15.0
195	130	Aus New Z	188½	-3	...	4.8	...
3406½	2712½	Bankamerica	3018½	-6½	...	...	...
255	177	Bk of Ireland	251	+1	...	4.9	20.2
390	325	Bk Leumi UK	380	...	17.0	6.1	...
176	116½	Bank Scotland	161	-2	4.5	3.5	32.1
510	362	Barclays	506 †	+8	...	...	...
4½	2	Benchmark	4½	...	...	...	...
21	15½	Carlisle	19½	...	...	...	...
568	395	Cater Allen	561	...	27.0	8.0	...
145	85	Cattles	144½	...	...	3.6	19.2
2450	1787½	Chase Manh	2212½	...	...	...	...
2247½	1343½	Citicorp	2162½	...	...	...	...
415	250	Close Bros	410	...	...	2.9	18.2
£130⅞	9225	Commerzbk	£125	-87½	...	3.2	...
£310⅞	£250⅛	Deutsche Bk	£307⅛	+42⅛	...	1.9	...
95	45	First Nat Fin	86 †	+1	...	0.7	...
1651	876	Fuji Bank Y	1525	+10	...	0.4	∞
492	343	Gerrard Nat	485	+1	21.5	5.5	12.9
774	490	HSBC	715	+8	19.0	3.3	17.1
752	474	HSBC HK	697	+6	19.0	3.4	16.7
389	243	Hambros	371	-1	14.0	4.7	17.1
363	313	Joseph (L)	363	...	16.6	5.7	...
155	96	King Shaxson	154	...	9.0	7.3	...
508	312	Kleinwort Ben	504 †	-2	16.0	4.0	17.5
591	492	Lloyds	539	+6	18.4	4.3	15.4
88	63	Lon Scot Bk	87	...	3.0	4.3	17.2
515	332	Nat Aust Bk	491	-9	...	4.1	17.0
512	398	Nat West	490 †	+4	17.5	4.5	29.8
445	270	Provident	429	...	11.4	3.3	18.6
54	39	Rea Bros	52	...	0.5	1.2	55.0
308	207	Ryl Bk Scot	292	+3	8.8	3.8	...
1198	467½	Schroders	1195	...	...	1.2	23.8
994	576	Stand Chart	925 †	-18	20.0	2.7	...
216	145½	TSB	202 †	+1	6.4	4.0	...
190	78	Union Disc	180	...	...	...	...
813	528	Warburg SG	798	-1	...	3.0	20.1
286	195	-do- 6% 'A'	282	...	...	2.7	...
7850	4843½	Wells Fargo	7525	+175	...	1.4	...
187	121	Westpac	183	-1	...	4.1	...
280	188	Wintrust	280 †	...	9.3	4.2	25.0

BREWERIES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
646	517	Allied-Lyons	614	+2	...	4.3	16.6
647	441	Bass	520	+4	18.9	4.5	11.3
299	189	Boddington	280	+2	7.3	3.3	16.3
442	362	Bulmer (HP)	441	...	...	3.9	19.2
159	129	Burtonwd Brw	153	...	4.7	3.9	12.8
387	261	Devenish (JA)	387	...	7.8	2.5	21.8
130	75	Eldridge P 'A'	128	-1	...	3.2	33.9
68½	50	Fosters Brewing	57½	-1	...	5.2	7.3
405	338	Fullr Sm 'A'	405	...	7.4	2.3	17.4
480	383	Grand Met	455	+4	12.3	3.4	15.0
427	347	Greenalls Grp	366	-1	11.7	4.0	12.2
572	505	Greene King	571	+1	...	2.7	16.1
516	437	Guinness	511	+7	...	2.9	18.2
281	230	Hardy Hanson	265	...	7.9	3.7	14.7
125	105	Heavitree	115	...	3.0	3.3	27.4
353	255	Highland Distl	344	-1	6.0	2.2	32.9
3138	2538	Holt J	2938	...	41.0	1.7	19.1
80	33	Hoskins Brew	79	-3	...	...	56.9
322	250	Invrgordn Dist	293	...	...	1.0	16.7
186	154	Macallan-Glen	154	-1	0.9	0.7	34.6
465	375	Macdn Martn 'A'	375	...	...	2.9	17.9
214	164	Mansfield	200	+2	...	2.4	14.3
290	231	Mrston Thmp	284	...	...	2.4	17.2
442	328½	Matthew Clark	442 †	+6	...	4.7	12.9
300	253	Mrrydwn W	287 †	+1	7.0	3.0	∞
545	465	Morland	525	+2	8.4	2.0	20.9
12	6½	Paramount	9½	...	...	2.1	17.3
179	145	Regent Inns	179	+3	...	3.1	17.9
975	753	SA Breweries	905	+8	...	3.0	15.0
482½	408	Scot & New	464	+1	...	4.5	14.4
225	181	Taunton Cider	214	-1	6.0	3.5	17.5
249	213	Vaux Group	243	+3	9.3	4.8	16.8
302	225	Wetherspoon JD	297	-1	...	2.0	24.0
534	435	Whitbread 'A'	522	+2	...	4.2	14.2
1180	850	-do- 'B'	1158	...	...	1.9	29.1
613	485	Wolvrhmptn D	503	...	11.4	2.8	14.1
515	475	Young 'A'	478	...	14.5	3.8	19.8

BUILDING, ROADS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
120	71	Abbey	120	...	...	8.5	∞
27	13	Albrighton	21	...	...	...	...
123	87	Allen	117	+2	...	5.3	26.5
107	65	Amec	96	...	3.0	3.9	17.8
12	4	Anglia Sec	9	...	...	...	...
273	155	Ashstead	273 †	+4	4.5	2.1	∞
142	101	Atwoods	116	+2	5.0	5.4	16.8
255	180	BPB Ind	248	-1	...	3.8	42.7
89	57	Baggeridge Brk	88	...	3.1	4.4	29.6
31	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	25½	...	0.5	...	...
106	74	Barcom	106	...	1.2	1.5	19.2
56½	32½	Bardon	49½	+1½	2.0	5.1	24.4
161	94	Barratt Devs	156	...	2.0	1.6	17.4
427	305	Bellway	427	...	...	3.5	24.7
34	15	Beltwinch	34	...	...	...	...
446	295½	Berkeley Gp	440	-1	...	1.7	27.6
116	45	Bett Bros	115	...	...	0.5	4.7
63	36	Blockleys	58	+1	1.0	2.2	64.1
285	189	Blue Circle	269	+1	...	5.2	...
285	230	Boot (Henry)	276	...	5.9	2.7	15.4
106	78	Breedon PLC	96	-1	4.6	6.0	23.2
121	82	Br Dredging	118	...	5.2	5.5	26.2
83	45	Brit Fittings	68	...	1.5	2.8	...
151	99	Bryant	142	-1½	4.8	4.2	30.4
85	53	CALA	85	...	3.3	...	...
286	205	CRH	282	-1	...	3.0	19.6
43	18	Cakebread Rby	25	...	...	...	...
46	23	Costain	37	...	...	...	...
140	86½	Countryside	137	...	...	3.7	36.2
73	38	Crest Nicholson	69	-2	0.0	...	...
96	27	Cussins	96 †	...	...	1.3	...
3½	1½	Dunton	3	...	...	...	...
25	15	Edmond Hldgs	20	...	0.5	3.1	...
275	178	Epwin	268	...	6.8	3.2	22.5
53	32	Erith	52	...	0.3	0.8	...
453	252	Eve Group	453	...	...	2.8	16.4
6½	3½	Explaura	5	...	...	...	...
140	97	Freeman Gp	130	...	...	4.8	20.7
50	38	Galliford	49	+1	4.3	...	19.7
78	52	Gibbs & Dandy	54	...	...	...	...
918	695	Gleeson (MJ)	913	...	12.7	1.7	14.8
135	90	Hewden-Stuart	134	...	...	3.0	30.5
51	28	Hewetson	45 †	...	...	3.5	33.2
311	186	Heywd Wim	304	-1	12.6	5.1	...
119	37	Higgs & Hill	116	+1	2.5	2.7	...
35	26	How Gp	32	+2	...	3.9	...
27	15	Howard Hldgs	21 †	+2	0.5	3.0	...
78	39	Ibstock Johnsen	76	...	1.0	1.6	...
19½	12½	Jarvis	19½	...	...	...	...
314	196	Laing (J)	308	...	9.0	3.7	12.3
126	103	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	126	+½	...	6.3	...
95	55	Ln Clydeside	92	-1	4.5	6.1	34.6
17½	10½	Lovell (YJ)	17½	...	...	...	7.9
324	240	Manders	324	+3	9.0	3.5	19.8
168	93	Marley	158	+1	4.2	3.4	45.7
101	61	Marshalls	101	...	...	5.0	69.6
175	122	Maunders (J)	167	...	4.9	3.7	15.3
214	96	McAlpine (A)	207	...	6.5	3.9	35.8
40	23	McCarthy & S	35½	...	0.5	...	...
388	272	Meyer Int	374	-1	...	3.3	37.5
129	62	Mowlem (J)	124	...	4.0	4.0	...
135	51	NSM	134	...	...	...	...
53	48	Needler	48	...	...	3.7	23.3
171	106	Newman Tnks	164	...	...	6.1	21.9
300	197	Persimmon	282	-2	8.6	3.8	28.8
31	12	Phoenix Timber	19	+5	...	...	...
1625	1237½	Pochins	1550	...	29.0	2.4	9.4
146	80	Prowting	136	...	3.4	3.1	...
6½	2½	Quiligotti	2½	...	...	...	...
823	555	RMC Gp	793	+6	...	3.2	31.2
117	75½	Raine Ind	96	...	6.0	7.8	16.0
36	20	Ramus	22	...	...	...	...
573	402	Redland	562	+3	25.0	5.7	32.1
79	64	Roskel	78	...	4.3	6.9	11.5
296	207	Rugby Group	274	...	6.4	2.9	21.0
42	23	Svrild-Rvex	42	...	...	...	...
113	68	Sharpe & Fisher	111	...	...	4.5	19.3
215	86½	Sheffield Insl	215	...	...	3.1	52.8
147	82	Sheriff Hldgs	147	...	...	1.7	21.9
95	62	Shorco	81	+7	...	8.0	18.4
228	196	Smart (J)	220	...	8.5	4.8	10.0
6½	2½	Sturmin	4½	...	0.3	8.8	∞
151	103	Tarmac	150	+1½	5.5	4.6	...
194	137	Tay Homes	169	...	5.8	4.3	10.8
139	63	Taylor Woodrw	137	+6	1.0	0.9	...
628	433	Tilbury Dougls	618	-2	33.0	6.7	20.1
39	19	Torex Hire	35	...	...	1.4	...
247	168	Travis Perkins	240	-4	8.0	4.2	42.3
40	30	Try Group	33	...	1.0	3.8	9.3
28	20	Tudor	26	...	...	1.2	...
74	41	Vibroplant	74	...	2.5	4.3	26.2
65	30	Ward Hldgs	48	...	...	...	...
36	25	Waterhouse	35	...	...	...	...
475	360	Watts Blake	435	...	...	3.4	18.8
26	8	Westcol	23	...	...	...	...
161	90	Westbury	161	+2	5.0	3.9	35.1
12	4½	West Scaffold	7½	...	...	...	...
12	5	Wiggins	9 #	...	...	...	...
461	371	Wilson Bowdn	428	+1	8.7	2.5	39.4
205	147	Wilson (C)	184	-1	3.9	2.7	31.9
194	104	Wimpey G	183	...	...	3.6	...
47	25	YRM	36	...	0.5	1.7	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	463	ADT	620	...	...	...	...
229	198	Adam & Harvey	228	...	12.0	6.6	4.2
90	56	Air London	73	...	...	6.0	9.0
56	37	African Lakes	47	...	2.0	5.1	...
179	125	Auto Sec	159	...	...	4.2	28.3
139	84	BET Ord	121½	...	...	3.3	4.0
100	41	BNB Res	98	...	4.9	6.2	...
315	239	BPP	311 †	+2	8.0	3.2	17.2
295	195	Barbour Index	220	...	8.0	4.5	∞
24	15	Bourseal	24	...	0.7	3.6	...
255	154	Brit Data Mgt	249	+2	...	2.0	29.7
26	11	Broadcastle	25	...	...	1.3	10.7
73	54	Brook Service	65	...	...	...	...
104	69	CBT Gp	95	+1	2.8	3.7	∞
191	134½	Capita Group	190 *	...	...	1.4	29.7
45	31	Cassel Fic	42½	...	...	2.4	16.3
55	18	Chiltern Cap	35	...	...	...	...
51	26	Christie	46	...	...	...	...
360	228	Chubb Sec	357	-1	...	1.7	22.0
56	15	Comasa	56	+4	...	2.0	23.2
50	6	Corp Services	26	...	...	...	...
52	23	Coutts Cnsltg	47	...	...	...	...
110	51	Dart	110	...	1.7	3.6	14.9
256	198	Davis Service	255	-3	...	3.9	19.1
104	55	DW Farfe	94	...	4.3	5.7	10.9
31	14	Gardiner	30	...	0.6	...	21.7
257	215	Hays	246	-4	4.6	2.5	24.2
241	174	Hepp Ridgman	241	-1	...	3.4	17.6
76	35	Holmes Protecn	75	...	...	...	2.1
255	127	Hays Wharp	132	...	...	2.5	16.3
2062½	975	ISS B DKr	1925	...	...	5.5	2.5
635	519	Inchcape	554	-6½	...	3.1	19.2
583	409	Johnson Clean	509 †	...	25.7	3.0	16.1
12	...	Lep	10	...	...	...	...
275	177	Mitie Gp	274 †	+1	...	3.5	21.3
1167	893	Manpower	1121	-30	...	...	...
77	47	Michael Page	77	...	1.8	3.9	24.4
155	106	Pentrose	155	+6	...	7.4	0.3
4½	2	Prime Peop	2½	...	...	...	...
142	80	Provident Alex	126	-1	...	11.9	7.0
423	357	SCO	352	...	12.8	5.0	11.9
119	100	SEA	130	...	4.0	5.0	...
105	63	Reed Executive	104	...	...	...	...
150	150	Reliance Sec	115 *	...	...	4.9	∞
235	178	Rentokil	226	...	2.3	1.4	25.7
283	220	Rolfe & Nolan	256	...	...	4.0	12.6
390	314	Salvesen (C)	363	...	...	2.5	21.0
77	26	Scott Pickford	37	...	...	2.7	11.5
343	164	Securiguard	339	...	...	4.2	19.0
...	5	Select Appt	6	...	...	...	...
1075	695	Serco Gp	1075	...	14.0	1.6	29.7
352	124	Sherwd Cmpt	155	...	...	5.7	4.5
132	90	[illegible]	99	...	...	3.8	22.6
395	310	Warner Howard	375	-1	6.5	2.4	17.5
45	27	[illegible]	33	...	...	...	...
26	14	WSL Gp	24½	...	...	0.5	31.8

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
245	210	Allied Colloids	219	...	...	2.2	21.6
959	612	Amersham	955	+3	...	2.0	29.7
...	½	Anglo Utd	2	...	...	...	...
£108½	£125	BASF DM	£100½	-150	...	3.2	...
305	190	BTP	300	...	...	4.0	20.0
£121	£101	Bayer DM	£116½	+12½	...	4.5	...
177	134	Blagden	165 *	...	9.5	...	17.8
165	63	Brent Chem	152	-2	...	7.6	11.2
530	345	Br Bio-Tech	455	+1	...	...	...
26	12	Caird Gp	13	...	...	12.8	36.1
153	126	Canning (W)	141	...	7.2	6.5	16.2
609	502	Courtaulds	562	-7	...	3.1	14.0
299	229	Croda	290	+1	...	3.2	19.5
149	121	Doeflex	136	...	4.6	4.2	10.6
232	175	Ellis & Everard	224	-1	2.0	3.9	∞
34	15	Eum Colour	14	...	0.8	2.9	31.8
313	259	Halstead (J)	313	...	...	2.4	15.7
241	175	Hickson	184	+8	...	4.4	17.1
£114	8550	Hoechst	£110	+125	...	3.2	...
225	196	Holliday Chem	220	+1	...	2.7	20.1
710	608	ICI	690	-1	...	5.0	...
688	576	Laporte	636	+5	19.5	3.8	17.5
223	181	Leigh	220 †	...	...	4.4	21.2
97½	35	MTM	65	...	...	...	...
1900	1462½	Norsk Hydro	1880	...	...	1.6	28.3
461	370	Pearson Zoch	401	+2	11.4	3.1	19.9
415	360	-do- 'A'	415	+3	11.4	3.4	17.9
296	222	Plysu	222	...	...	3.9	14.5
246	173	Porvair	245	...	3.6	1.8	26.2
70	35	Sutcliffe Speak	62	...	...	...	...
485	412	Wardle Storeys	485	+5	16.0	4.1	19.5
490	395	Wsmhlme R	485	...	17.0	4.4	16.8
401	330	Yorks Chem	384 †	...	...	2.5	20.6
306	238	Yule Catto	265	...	5.9	2.8	16.2
704½	593	Zeneca	697	+2	...	5.0	40.5

DRAPERY, STORES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
102	53	Alexon	67 †	...	...	5.0	...
87	42	Amber Day	75	+3	3.1	5.2	20.6
342	257	Argos Plc	332½	+2½	...	2.7	28.2
25	12	Ashley Group	15½	...	...	4.5	...
118	69	Ashley (Laura)	103	-1	0.1	0.1	...
305	278	Asprey	296	+2	5.1	2.2	20.5
134	94	Austin Reed	134	+2	...	2.3	...
155	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	155	...	...	4.8	15.6
121	94	Bentalls	105	...	1.9	2.3	...
278	208	Bensrware	245	-4	...	1.0	29.3
39	22	Blacks Leis	38 †	...	2.2	7.4	...
227	133	Body Shop	191½	-4½	...	1.1	24.7
16½	11½	Brown & Jackson	16½	...	...	0.6	8.2
401	318	Brown (N)	393	...	...	2.2	23.1
87½	64½	Burton	79	-2	...	3.2	...
145	126	Cantors	145	...	...	2.3	19.3
360	296	Church	343	...	12.5	4.6	30.5
183	92	Clinton Cards	153	...	4.2	3.5	18.5
250	212	Coats Viyella	246	+3	...	3.7	29.0
112	78	Colourvision	102 †	...	3.6	6.9	18.3
700	374	Courts Furnish	699	...	5.5	1.0	8.7
155	115	Crown Eyes	135 †	...	...	6.5	∞
129	89	Dairy Farm Intl	120	...	...	3.0	17.9
83	51½	Dewhurst (JJ)	83	...	1.0	1.5	26.6
281	189	Dixons Grp	230	+2	...	3.4	...
413	320	Dunhill	397	+2	8.1	2.6	15.4
21	12½	ERA Gp	15	...	...	...	...
530	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	530	...	18.0	3.9	17.8
181	71	Essex Furn	156	+1	...	2.2	20.4
288	203	Etam	268	...	6.9	3.2	24.6
608	499	Fine Art Dev	591	...	12.7	2.7	19.3
50	26	Fired Earth Tiles	39	...	...	...	...
543	498	Forminster	543	...	14.0	3.2	9.9
157	24	French Conn	150	+3	...	...	...
73	43	Gent SR	73	...	2.0	3.4	21.4
68	23	Goldsmiths Gp	66	...	0.3	0.6	...
3725	2400	GUS	3688	...	...	1.5	28.9
2113	1563	-do- 'A'	2045	-3	...	2.7	15.9
40	31	Hampden Grp	32	...	...	3.9	15.9
277	30	Hartstone	60	+1	...	5.8	...
25½	20	Helene Plc	24½	...	3.0	10.3	11.6
72	29	Heritage	71	-1	...	...	...
73	35	Honeysuckle	67	+1	...	1.9	9.5
123	63	Jacques Vert	121 †	...	...	3.1	9.3
691	496	Kingfisher	678	+4	...	2.5	22.2
74	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	69 †	...	4.0	7.2	14.2
645	495	Liberty	580	...	7.2	1.6	68.3
320	241	Lloyds Chem	290	+5	5.5	2.5	10.6
152	120	MFI	139	+1	...	3.4	28.7
376½	311	Marks Spencer	363	-1	...	2.8	19.9
555	445	Menzies (John)	553	+17	...	2.5	15.5
227	135	Moss Bros	226	...	3.5	3.0	26.5
210½	139½	Next	200½	-½	2.5	1.6	23.9
40	15	Oliver (G)	36	...	...	...	...
303	197	Oriflame Intl	286 †	-2	...	4.2	14.0
63	38½	Pentos	40½	...	1.5	4.6	8.4
313	185	QS Hldgs	205	-5	5.1	3.2	14.6
41½	11	Ratners Group	38	...	...	...	...
39½	20½	Rhino Grp	39½	...	...	...	...
181	135	Sherwood Gp	154	...	...	2.1	13.9
117	93	Sears	113½	-1½	...	3.9	...
498	400	Smith WH 'A'	455	-11	13.4	3.7	16.0
15	4½	Specialeyes	14	...	...	...	...
229	176	Storehouse	225	-2	...	2.8	29.0
191	148	T & S Stores	182	...	5.9	4.6	12.1
152	71	Tie Rack	152	...	1.0	0.8	24.9
231	160	Time Products	228	...	7.5	4.1	19.7
114	63	Usher (Frank)	113	...	...	5.5	8.9
45	27	Vivat	34	...	1.0	3.7	10.5
40	34	Wensum	34	...	...	6.7	...
122	78	Wickes	114	...	...	0.2	50.5
78	45	Wld of Leather	69	...	...	...	...
198	146	Wyevale	174	-1	...	2.9	23.0
4	2½	Xtra-vision	3½	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	134	ACT Group	176	...	...	3.6	17.7
240	223	Acal	235	...	...	3.4	16.4
162½	38	Acorn Comp	105	...	...	...	53.2
480	385	Admiral	455	...	5.4	1.5	19.2
156	104	Alba	156	...	...	4.0	19.1
48	19½	Alphameric	42	...	...	...	...
38½	22	Amstrad	34	-½	0.4	...	...
128	66	App Holo	66	...	...	...	...
38	13	Arlen	37	...	...	...	...
69½	35½	Astec	69	+1	...	...	1.1
293	243	Beales Hunter	243 †	...	9.4	4.8	∞
9	3½	Bennett & Fntn	4½	...	...	...	...
446	319	BICC	394	+6	19.2	6.2	79.8
575	435	Bick	475	...	9.2	2.4	18.5
1700	1100	Borland	1350	+12	...	...	...
371	274	Bowthorpe	368	...	6.3	2.2	24.0
445½	376	BT	422½	-½	...	4.6	19.9
189½	150	BT P/P	180 †	+½	...	4.4	20.8
11½	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	11½	...	0.1	1.1	...
160	110	Burnfield	158	+1	5.7	4.5	25.0
860	669	Cable Wireless	837	-5	...	2.2	26.9
23½	11½	Chloride	23	...	...	...	...
271	229	CML Micro	271	...	...	2.2	19.7
115	74	Compur People	97	+2	0.6	0.8	...
164	108½	Cray Elect	149	-1	...	1.3	15.3
412	343	Crichley	412	...	...	1.9	∞
551	414	Delta	520	+2	...	3.3	21.8
359	205	Denmans Ele	359	...	...	2.1	15.3
620	395	Domino	460	+1	7.2	2.0	15.7
65	48	Dowding Mills	62	...	2.5	5.0	20.4
1085	865	Dracks	1085 †	...	10.0	1.2	∞
464	358	Electrocomps	461	...	...	2.1	18.8
580	470	El Data Prc	553	...	5.1	1.2	15.2
116	43	Electron House	116	...	2.6	2.8	25.1
30½	10½	Emess	25½	...	0.1	0.5	...
600	442	Eurotherm	594	...	8.0	1.7	27.0
155	108	FKI	152	...	...	2.5	22.3
454½	340	Farnell Elect	448	...	...	1.7	23.7
90	33	Feedback	89	...	...	2.1	11.6
18	9½	Ferranti	12½	...	...	...	...
258	101	First Tech	258	...	1.0	0.5	∞
270	81	Forward Gp	265	...	...	1.6	24.0
21	16	Forward Tech	18	...	...	...	...
358½	264	GEC	348½	-1½	10.3	3.7	17.5
196	132	Gnasby	179	-6	...	7.8	37.0
14½	7½	Graystone	13½	...	...	...	...
39	36	Hilclare	36	...	...	1.7	11.7
169	81	INSTEM	150	...	...	2.6	10.8
388	320	Jones Stroud	368 †	...	8.8	3.0	∞
19	8	Kembrey	15½	...	0.1	1.3	...
325	260	Kenwood App	325	+1	...	3.0	18.2
216	47	Kewill Sys	205	...	...	...	...
209	100	Kode	189	...	5.5	3.7	22.2
60	16	Laser-Scan	35	...	...	...	...
365	122	LBMS	243 †	+3	...	0.4	34.3
300	240	Lec Refrig	273	...	9.0	4.1	...
179	134	Life Sciences	145	+1	3.5	3.1	15.7
269	164	Logica	252	+9	3.6	1.8	29.7
55	44	LPA Inds	54	...	...	8.1	19.2
212	162	MR Data Mngmt	190	...	4.3	2.8	18.1
683	523	Macro 4	648	-2	...	2.5	21.7
635	527	Memrec-Swa	627 †	+3	...	2.2	∞
3013	1805	Micro Focus	1985	+15	...	...	18.3
227	147	Microgen	168	...	7.2	5.4	11.4
34½	23½	Microvitec	28½	...	...	...	...
529	357	Misys	507	+3	7.0	1.7	∞
437	98	Mitel	407	+11	...	...	...
138	108	MMT Compu	128	...	...	3.4	16.3
36	16	Molynx	33½	...	1.3	4.9	...
272	202	MTL Insts	240	+1	...	1.9	18.1
165	105	Multitone Elect	115	...	3.5	3.8	∞
216	116	Murray Emer	216	...	1.8	1.1	...
6412½	5225	NYNEX	5850	+37½	...	...	...
188	135	Neotronics	135	...	2.6	2.4	17.4
65	42	Newmark (L)	61	...	...	...	...
195	58	Norbain	188	-5	...	1.0	14.4
75	20	Northamber	60	...	0.6	1.3	...
15½	9	Oceonics	14½	+1½	...	...	...
285	195	Oxford Inst	284 †	+1	4.5	2.0	19.5
83	48	P-E Internal	64	+1	1.6	2.0	...
81½	29	P & P	76	...	1.4	2.5	37.2
80	55	Peek	76	+1	3.4	5.6	19.8
190	115	Pegasus	186	+1	...	4.3	47.7
9500	9000	Philips Fn 4%	9500	...	...	6.1	...
1312½	725	-do- Lmp ov	1287½	+12½	...	...	...
254	211	Phonelink	250	...	...	...	...
561	343	Pilco	561 †	+1	8.2	1.8	∞
541	303	-do- 'A' Voting	541 †	+1	8.2	1.9	∞
96	63	Plasmec	78	...	...	6.0	6.6
113	76	Pressac	113	...	2.4	2.7	22.8
135	81	Psion	114	+2	...	2.7	30.3
258	160	Racal Elect	255	...	4.2	2.1	15.2
70	45	Radamec	61	...	...	3.1	12.1
70	31	Radius	37	-2	2.7	...	12.8
92	61	Real Time	75 †	...	...	5.0	∞
35	18	Riva	26	-7	...	...	35.0
620	380	Sage Gp	414	...	9.0	2.7	13.3
342	222	Sanderson Elec	325	...	9.0	3.5	13.9
88	49	Scantronic	83	...	5.1	4.7	23.9
155	117	Scholes Grp	155	...	5.0	4.0	30.5
371	270	Sema Gp	364	...	2.8	1.0	29.5
42	26	Silvermines	39	...	...	3.2	...
50	37	Soundtracks	47	...	...	3.9	15.9
2675	1737½	TDK	2562½	+6½	...	1.3	28.5
...	4½	TDS Circuits	14	...	...	...	...
165	80	Telemetrix	160	...	0.8	0.6	26.4
986	909	THORN EMI	981	-4	...	4.1	20.0
111	96	Thorpe FW	106	+1	2.5	2.9	10.9
103	63	Total Systems	64	...	3.0	5.9	11.5
505	372	Tunstall	505	...	6.0	1.5	20.2
290	164	Unitech	278 †	+2	...	2.2	65.0
11½	6	Vero	6	...	...	...	...
35	24	Vitec	29	...	...	...	...
566	367	Vodafone	552	+9	...	1.3	23.5
463	323	Volex	463 †	...	17.8	4.8	19.0
25	11	Western Selecn	24	...	...	...	...
290	223	Wholesale Figs	290	...	11.7	5.2	∞

ELECTRICITY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
534	369	East Midlands	510	-9	...	4.9	9.6
538	390	Eastern Elec	528	...	...	4.6	10.5
375	304	Hydro-Elec	364 †	-1	...	3.9	13.4
542	410	London Elec	525	...	...	4.6	11.6
557	455	Manweb	569	-3	...	4.6	9.2
560	426	Midlands Elec	551	+1	...	4.5	6.6
375	273	National Powr	357	...	...	3.7	10.6
555	441	Northern Elec	571	-2	...	4.7	9.2
165	100	Nthn Ireland	159	...	...	4.5	9.4
582	435	Norweb	564	-3	20.0	4.4	8.9
401	273	PowerGen	383	...	...	3.4	10.1
359	285	Scottish Power	351 †	-2	...	4.0	13.0
589	436	Seeboard	576	-2	...	4.3	9.3
616	499	Sth Wales	590	-4	...	4.7	9.8
550	426	Sth Western	558	-2	...	4.6	12.0
549	406	Southern Elec	532	-3	...	4.6	9.8
560	455	Yorkshire Elec	555	-1	...	4.6	10.5

FINANCE, LAND

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	51	Aitken Hume	54 †	...	1.0	2.3	11.5
125	41	BWD	124	...	...	3.2	19.4
91	26	Baltic Plc	91	...	...	1.4	...
535	413	Caledonia	535	...	...	3.5	19.9
1500	1075	Camellia	1425	+46½	...	1.1	5.3
313	243	Candover	310	...	10.2	4.1	22.0
139	71	Flextech	138	...	...	0.5	...
327	155	Govett	319 †	-5	...	4.7	10.0
188	125	Ivory Sime	188	+1	...	4.3	17.7
6½	3	LIT	3½	+¼	...	...	...
12	11	Lightship	12 #	...	...	...	...
233	154	Lon Forfaiting	233	...	8.4	4.6	16.5
67	47	Manakin	63 †	...	5.0	9.9	∞
12½	3½	Nat Home Loan	9½	...	...	...	...
52	40	Newmarket	52	...	...	...	...
327	246	Rathbone Brs	327	+1	6.0	2.3	19.9
25	17	Rutland Tst	24½	...	...	4.1	14.5
330	253	S & U	280	...	10.0	4.5	10.4
80	48	Singer & Fried	79	...	2.6	4.1	...
975	713	Sotheby's	838	-25	...	4.1	...
155	83	SJP Capital	152	...	3.0	2.5	62.7

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2287½	1487½	Amer Express	2200 †	+25	...	...	...
1100	835	Henderson Ad	1090	...	...	4.8	25.1
193	92	Invesco	189½	-½	...	2.0	...
230	164	Jardine Strat	222	-2	...	3.5	10.3
236	154	MAI	230	-½	6.0	3.3	16.7
665	389	MAM	657	...	15.0	2.9	16.4
950	633	M & G	947	+1	...	2.8	25.2
342	109	Smith New Crt	332	...	...	2.1	5.0
81	55	Trio Hldgs	79	...	...	4.7	...

FOODS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
538½	456	AB Food	527	-1	14.0	3.3	12.1
77½	53	ASDA Group	64½	...	...	3.1	15.0
306	170	Acatos & Hutch	285	-4	6.5	2.9	16.5
76	55	Albert Fisher	72	+2	3.7	6.5	12.0
407	287	Argyll	348	...	...	3.9	12.8
147	117	Assoc Fisheries	144 †	...	...	6.9	3.0
228	160	Banks (S C)	227	...	9.0	5.0	10.0
402	310	Barr (AG)	330	...	6.5	2.5	16.7
85	57	Bensons Crsps	68 †	...	...	5.2	15.3
141	112½	Berisford Intl	129	...	...	...	...
455	357	Booker	432	-6	...	6.3	44.4
52	35	Borthwick	47½	...	...	3.2	59.0
505	430	Brake Bros	502	...	6.2	1.5	20.9
51	38	Budgen	47	...	1.0	2.7	∞
511	413	Cadbury-Schw	482	-2	...	3.4	17.9
120	78	Carrs Milling	120	...	3.9	4.1	24.0
196	156	Cranswick	183	...	...	5.5	13.7
22	8½	Cullens	18	...	0.5	3.5	51.7
384	150	Dalepak	213 †	...	6.0	3.5	16.8
498	424	Dalgety	498	-8	19.5	4.9	14.5
54	27	Daniels S	50	...	...	0.6	...
217	191	Devro	213	-1	...	3.2	20.3
134	99	Everest	117	...	...	3.7	16.2
358	269	Farepak	358	+3	5.7	2.0	22.0
10	3	Farringford	8½	+½	...	...	...
94	64	Finlay (James)	70	...	...	7.4	23.2
125	78	Fyffes	110	+3	...	1.3	19.9
483	328	Geest	379	...	8.1	2.7	17.1
13	7	Global	13	...	...	4.8	20.2
45	43	Grand Central	44	...	1.2	3.6	∞
203	147	Hazlewood Fds	187 †	-1	...	4.3	10.8
175	131	Hillsdown	169	-1	...	6.5	13.3
250	205½	Iceland Group	236	...	...	1.8	21.1
131	103	JLI Group	118	+2	...	4.9	13.1
853	655	Kwik Save	761	+19	16.0	2.6	14.6
262	174	Low (Wm)	188	...	8.4	5.6	9.1
62	41	Matthews (B)	61	...	2.2	4.5	40.6
19½	12½	Merchant Retail	18 †	...	1.1	7.6	36.9
174	124	Morrison (W)	153	-1	...	0.7	19.9
568	443	Nichols (JN)	543 †	...	13.6	3.1	15.7
290	242	Nthn Foods	280	+3	...	3.8	13.9
20½	9½	Nthmbrn Fn	12	...	...	...	...
229	172	Nurdin Peack	208	...	...	3.7	11.9
250	205	Park Foods	242	...	6.0	3.1	∞
115	78	Perkins Food	86	-1	...	6.4	9.3
97	47	PizzaExpress	93	-3	...	0.7	53.5
9	1½	Regina Hlth	5½	...	...	...	...
584	426	Sainsbury J	505	-8	...	2.5	17.7
86	33	Sentry Farm	83	...	...	2.3	14.9
225	94	Sims Food	109	+15	...	8.6	21.0
439	357	Tate & Lyle	394	-11	12.0	3.8	12.4
273	195	Tesco	227	-6	...	3.9	10.5
211	123	Thorntons	163	...	3.6	2.8	15.2
183	101	Treats	150 †	...	...	3.0	17.1
400	300	Unigate	384	...	...	5.2	12.6
437	340½	Utd Biscuits	379	+2	...	5.0	18.0
26	20	Usborne	26	...	...	2.8	∞
337	248	Watson & Phil	286	...	13.3	5.8	14.9

HOTELS, CATERERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
22	12	Abrdn Stk H	22	...	...	...	...
89½	77	City Centre Rest	88	-1½	1.5	2.2	21.1
239	170	Forte	230	+1	...	4.1	18.0
220	155	Friendly Hotels	193	...	5.7	3.7	36.8
11½	5	Harmony Leis	10½	...	...	...	...
113½	87	Jurys Hotel	113½	+3½	...	6.2	∞
222½	154	Ladbroke	208	-1	11.1	6.7	17.8
73	59	Mandarin Orntl	70	+1	...	4.8	17.6
59	44	Queens Moat	47½ #	...	2.8	7.6	6.3
99	83	-do- 7¾% crpr	85 #	...	7.5	11.0	...
2½	¼	Regal Hotels	1½	...	...	...	...
55	28	Resort Hotels	45 #	...	3.4	9.6	8.8
24	11½	Ryan Hotels E	16½	...	...	6.1	...
855	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	840	...	7.0	1.0	...
65	34½	Stakis	65	+1	...	0.9	...

INDUSTRIALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
218	78	AAF Inds	128	...	...	8.6	7.8
616	455	AAH	529	+6	...	4.1	17.0
177	140	AIM	169	-1	7.8	5.5	∞
132	88	APV	106	-2	...	6.4	...
238	81	ASW	233	...	...	3.2	...
198	124	Adwest	198	...	7.0	4.4	28.2
29	10	Aerospace Eng	23	-3	0.7	4.2	∞
259	249	Airsprung	259	...	...	2.2	16.5
153	113	Alexdra W	153	...	3.8	3.1	42.3
13½	6½	Allied Radio	8½	...	...	...	...
565	415	Alumasc	565	+3	11.0	2.4	17.3
48	17	Alvis	43	-½	1.0	2.9	8.8
475	345	Amber Ind	475	...	...	4.9	10.0
45	18	Amberley Gp	45 †	...	...	2.8	...
107	78	Anagen	90	...	...	...	...
145	82	Andrews Sykes	110	...	...	5.0	...
945	703	Armitagesn	865	+2	...	2.3	16.0
50½	37	Armour	48	...	1.4	3.9	14.1
170	143	Ash & Lacy	155	+3	6.4	5.2	15.9
4	2½	Ass Br Eng	3½	...	0.0	1.7	∞
541½	470	Avon Rubber	531	...	...	3.9	21.2
250	168	Assoc Nursg	249	-1	...	0.5	15.3
687½	544½	Atlas Equip	665	...	...	4.1	16.7
68	35	Ayrshire Metal	63	...	...	...	...
182	147	BBA	173	...	...	5.5	14.5
65	28	BLP Group	53	...	...	...	...
77	13	BM Gp	16½	...	5.0	...	0.7
770	627	BOC	645	-5	23.2	4.5	14.2
79½	62	BSG	77½	...	...	5.2	27.0
487	353	BSS Group	449	...	...	4.8	26.9
409½	318	BTR	396	+2½	...	3.4	22.6
221	155	BWI	182	+2	6.7	4.6	17.5
50	31	Babcock	45½	...	...	5.8	27.2
7½	4½	Bailey (CH)	7½	+¼	...	...	...
289	240	Baird (Wm)	280	-5	8.9	4.0	19.4
1062½	556½	Barlow Rand	600	...	...	5.8	3.4
63	48	Baynes (Charles)	62	...	...	2.9	25.4
15	5	Beauford	9½	...	...	...	...
8½	6	Beckenham	8½	+½	...	...	...
34	15	Bedford (W)	27	...	...	...	...
27½	15½	Benson Group	17½	...	0.1	2.2	∞
707	461	Bespak	580	+5	10.0	2.2	∞
133	73	Bibby (J)	91	...	9.7	...	5.4
312	129	Bilam (J)	253	+2	5.0	2.5	12.8
41	21½	Bilston Bensn	32	...	...	...	...
11½	3½	Bimec Ind	5½	...	0.6	...	...
168	119½	Birkby	168	+1	3.5	2.6	15.9
45	32	Black Arrow	43 †	...	2.6	7.6	∞
1½	½	Black & Edgtn	1½	...	...	...	...
200	136	Black (Peter)	199	-1	2.9	1.9	20.5
344	129	Bluebird Toys	344	...	...	1.6	21.5
322	247	Bodycote	313	-1	...	2.0	20.0
43	23	Bogod 'A'	28 †	...	0.7	3.1	10.4
563	416	Boots	480	-5	...	3.5	17.8
61	42	Booth Inds	51	...	0.7	1.7	...
517	435½	Bowater	501	+3	11.5	2.9	19.8
1692	1287	Bowater Inc	1337 †	-7	...	...	...
260	199	Bowthorpe Inds	260	+1	...	1.8	19.5
19	12½	Brasway	15	...	0.5	4.3	∞
303	234	Brammer	303	...	13.0	5.4	22.6
25	12	Bridgend Gp	22	-½	0.4	2.4	...
125	54	Briden	121	-2	...	4.2	...
98	53	Bridport-Gndry	80	...	4.1	6.4	15.0
43½	31	[illegible]	45½	+2½	...	2.3	10.7
308	250	Br Bldg & Eng	250	...	...	1.2	...
55	42	Br [illegible]	53	...	...	...	...
529	417	Br Polythene	514	...	...	2.4	19.4
119	54	Br Steel	114	+2	...	1.1	...
182	136	Br Syphon	105	...	...	3.6	29.4
19	...	Br Thermos	19 †	...	...	1.7	∞
264	215	Br Vita	257	+1	7.1	3.5	15.9
19½	5	Brown Grp	15½	...	...	1.5	...
730	555	Brown Hld	561	-2	...	2.7	32.9
100	79	[illegible] Ind	106	+1	...	7.2	17.9
10½	6	Brooke Tool	7½	...	...	...	...
...	44	Brown & Tawse	53	...	...	...	...
132	9½	Bullough	130	...	6.0	5.9	22.3
...	11	[illegible]	12 †	...	...	...	...
29	17	CI Group	27	-1	1.0	5.4	22.1
25	11	Campbell & Arm	20	...	...	...	...
34	6½	[illegible]	32	...	...	...	...
249	225	Cape	249	-2	...	5.3	16.9
246	178	Carclo Eng	246	+1	8.6	4.4	17.5
2899	2138	Carnaud Mt	2567	...	...	2.7	∞
...	68	[illegible]	48	-1	...	4.4	...
226	158	Catlings	204	...	4.7	2.7	14.4
160	113	Chamberlin Hill	60	...	6.2	4.9	10.0
...	665	Charter	560	-2	...	3.0	15.5
...	222	Chemring	327	...	...	3.2	19.3
...	45	Chieftain Gp	52 †	...	5.1	...	11.7
37	17	Chillington	34	...	6.2	0.4	...
284	144	Christies Int	174	-3	...	1.1	78.6
63	34	[illegible]	52	...	...	5.2	...
95	73	Clayton Son	68	-1	...	...	...
...	...	[illegible]	7	...	...	...	...
490	295	Cohen (A)	309	...	6.9	2.8	∞
222	179	[illegible] H	193	...	6.5	4.2	12.0
246	196	Concentric	229	...	...	1.1	19.2
...	185	Cook (Wm)	223 †	-3	5.0	2.8	13.5
332	242	[illegible]	329	...	...	3.2	31.1
76	38	[illegible]	76	...	...	1.9	32.4
238	136	[illegible] A	179	+1	5.7	4.0	15.3
178	92	Cosalt	109	...	10.7	...	16.4
224	150	[illegible]	85	...	...	4.9	18.5
48	27	CrestaCare	43	...	0.5	1.5	71.2
3727	2792	Dana	3600 †	+25	...	...	...
226	79	Danka Bs Sys	210	...	...	0.7	20.0
243	193	David Brown	238	-5	...	3.2	16.9
18	5	Davies (DY)	18	...	...	...	...
711	632	De La Rue	709	+2	...	3.0	18.8
26	16	Dinkie Heel	26	...	0.9	4.6	20.7
537	391	Diploma	535	...	0.7	2.3	27.8
79	50	Dobson Park	79	...	5.7	...	14.2
114	92	Dyson (J&J)	114	...	5.0	5.5	∞
80	57	-do- 'A'	79	...	5.0	7.9	∞
16½	8	EFG	12½	...	...	...	...
437	367	EIS	436	...	...	3.9	17.3
28	19	Elbief	23	...	...	...	...
43	19	Eleco	25	...	3.3	...	14.7
2350	1750	Electrolux 'B'	2087½	-50	...	2.7	...
66	45	Ellion (B)	60	...	...	...	...
474½	394	Eng China Cl	456	+2	...	3.5	25.1
3237½	1550	Ericsson 'B'	2900	-96½	...	1.1	...
53	32	Eurocopy	45	...	1.6	...	17.5
87	47	Expamet	78	...	...	5.2	1.8
717	499	Fairey Group	716	...	10.2	1.8	22.1
95	53	Fenner	80	...	4.2	...	15.1
66	32	Ferraris Group	53	...	...	2.4	12.4
1½	¼	Ferromet	1	...	...	...	...
29	21	Ferrum	21	...	2.5	14.9	14.7
60	28	Fife Indmar	56	...	0.5	1.1	...
251	147	Fisons	180	+3	...	6.0	20.8
53	29	Fitzwilton	48	...	...	9.7	...
288	215	Flogas	288	...	...	3.2	13.0
43	38	Folkes Group nv	38	...	1.5	4.9	21.6
76	56	French (Thomas)	76	-1	3.6	6.0	38.1
240	166½	Frost Group	230	-4	4.0	2.2	9.7
85	71	GEI Intl	80	-3	...	7.7	...
513	434	GKN	498	-2	...	5.2	32.7
51	42	GR Hldgs	49	...	...	5.4	...
98	79	Garton Eng	97	...	4.0	5.2	...
160	103	Gestetner	146	+7	8.2	7.0	6.4
42	23	Gieves	35	...	...	...	25.3
801	509	Glaxo	577½	-5½	17.0	3.7	15.9
36	16	Glenchewton	32½	-½	...	...	...
318	245	Glynwed	310	+2	11.6	4.8	28.8
118	66	Goode Durrant	118 †	+2	...	5.7	...
138	102	Grampian Hd	138	...	3.5	5.0	24.0
456	341	Granada	435	-3	7.7	2.2	23.2
407	301	Great Sthrn	392	+2	...	3.5	16.1
96	78	Green (Ernst)	88	...	...	9.9	12.2
15½	8½	Greenacre	15½	...	...	2.3	15.3
17	8	Guardian Grp	10½	...	...	...	...
57	30½	Haden MacLn	54	+½	...	4.7	19.1
83	44	Hadleigh Inds	78 †	-1	...	0.8	...
235	115	Hall Eng	228	...	8.6	4.7	19.0
228	161	Halma	221 †	+2	...	1.1	29.7
49	30	Hampson Ind	41	...	1.6	4.9	13.5
265½	222	Hanson	256	+1	...	5.6	12.9
221	187	Harris (Philip)	206	...	...	4.2	12.5
198	147	Harrisn Cosfld	193	+1	9.0	5.9	27.3
68	38	Havelock Euro	68	...	...	...	...
51	20	Hay (Norman)	46	...	...	...	...
28	17	Headway	27	...	0.7	3.2	14.2
13½	5	Healthcare	5	...	...	20.0	1.4
395	301	Hepworth	377	...	14.8	4.9	16.2
228	160	Hewitt (J)	210	...	3.0	1.8	16.4
38	15	High-Point	38	...	1.3	...	...
160	112½	Hill & Smith	160	...	...	4.4	22.3
10½	6½	Hobson	10	...	...	...	48.1
159	87	Holders Tech	159 †	...	...	4.7	20.8
52	30	Hopkinsons	52	+1	1.3	3.1	21.5
167	133	Hornby	143	-1	...	7.9	13.5
88	54½	Howden	88	...	2.2	3.2	∞
260	173	Hunting	255	-2	...	4.9	21.5
498	269½	Huntleigh Tech	498	+13	...	2.5	12.7
312	247	IMI	300	...	...	4.2	25.6
112	90	ISA Intl	104	...	1.5	1.8	16.2
205	144	Intercare Gp	146	-1	...	2.2	15.4
255	235	Isotron	245	...	3.9	2.0	15.7
543	360	Jardine Math	502	-3	...	2.5	18.2
537	425	Johnson Matth	484	-1	...	2.7	21.2
64	36½	Johnson & FB	42	...	3.0	8.9	13.0
177	104	Johnston	164	...	3.2	2.5	...
32	19	Joiner Shipman	27	...	...	...	...
35	18	Jourdan (T)	32	...	0.7	3.0	...
76	26	Kalamazoo	76	+1	2.1	3.5	17.7
178	73	Kalon	167	...	...	2.4	23.0
297	253	Kelsey Ind	260	...	13.0	...	...
545	465	Kershaw (A)	535	...	27.0	6.3	27.8
235	75	Kleeneze	202	-2	...	...	...
151	61	LOW	148	...	3.0	2.6	12.1
351	266	Laird	348	...	...	3.8	17.1
167	110	Lilleshall	167 †	...	...	3.4	20.6
163	97	Lincat	163	+1	...	3.9	14.1
18½	4½	Lincoln Hse	18½	...	...	...	15.2
128	76	Linread	121	...	3.7	3.9	18.7
225	170	Lipton Park	225	+2	...	7.8	8.1
15½	10½	Lionheart	12	...	0.2	2.1	...
22½	15	Locker (T) A	21	...	1.0	6.0	30.5
274	173	Lon Intl	223	...	9.4	5.3	17.0
135	70	Lonrho	128	...	...	3.9	...
382	269	Low & Bonar	378 †	+3	...	3.0	52.9
343	265	MB-Caradon	312	-2	...	3.5	24.2
169½	136	-do- pf	153	-½	7.2	5.9	...
34	14½	ML Hdgs	34	...	...	...	...
43	27	MS Intl	41	...	...	7.6	42.2
50	39	MY Holdings	45	...	...	2.8	13.7
214	168	Macfarlane	214	...	...	1.9	24.2
456	379	McKechnie	456	...	14.7	4.0	22.6
106	85	McLeod Russel	100	...	6.0	7.5	12.2
10½	3½	Maddox	4½	...	...	...	23.2
99	63	Magnolia	99	...	0.1	0.1	15.9
106	71	Mang Bronze	101	...	1.0	1.2	...
26½	19½	Marling	23½	...	...	3.5	...
192	124	Mayborn	186	...	...	3.4	15.4
55	29	Mayflower	54	...	...	2.9	45.1
236	85	Medeva	109	-2	...	2.6	8.8
114	88	Meggitt	112	...	...	4.2	19.1
125	98	Metair	120	...	...	3.8	19.4
150	126	Metrotect	150	...	...	2.7	20.8
83	70	Mersec	83	...	...	...	...
83	29	Midstates	75	...	...	1.3	10.4
25	14	Mining & Aid	23½	...	0.5	2.7	...
499	368	Molins	485	+13	...	3.6	12.6
345	262	Morgan Crble	335	...	...	4.7	17.9
184	134	Morris Ashby	175	-7	...	3.9	13.3
31	15	Neepsend	28 †	...	0.7	3.3	37.6
65	34	Nestor-BNA	65	+3	3.1	6.1	15.5
191	122	Noho Gp	186	...	4.8	3.2	∞
173	122½	Norcros	168	-1½	...	5.2	24.5
51	35	Novo Group	48 †	+2	...	3.4	15.4
413	310	Nu-Swift	333	...	...	...	∞
57	36	Office Elec Mac	57	...	0.1	0.2	...
39	21	OMI Intl	33	...	1.7	6.6	...
140	122	PCT	128	...	...	7.1	14.5
49	36	Pacer Systems	37	...	...	10.3	...
138	101	Pentland	111	...	...	2.8	15.1
396	310	Photo-Me	393	...	4.4	1.4	20.0
154	97½	Pilkington	154	+3	...	3.2	...
...	68	[illegible]	79	...	2.0	4.7	12.5
154	125	Polypipe	140	...	1.9	1.8	20.2
42	29	Porter Chadburn	34	...	...	4.6	15.6
...	5	Perth Gp	...	...	...	...	...
376	306	Powerscreen	363	+1	...	2.3	18.7
20	16	Prospect Inds	17½	...	0.7	5.4	9.5
54	31	RPS Group	50	...	2.2	5.6	10.8
95	77	Radiant Metal	80	...	...	...	...
165	77	Ramco Oil	130	...	...	1.1	43.5
801	536	Rank Org	761	-9	31.0	5.1	20.8
...	18	Ransomes	18	...	...	...	...
657	532	Reckitt Colm	610	+3	...	3.3	22.1
...	50	Record	72	...	3.6	6.3	15.4
...	2½	Reece	6	...	...	...	...
242	181	Relyon	241 †	+9	4.9	2.5	28.9
302	238	Renishaw	290	...	6.5	1.1	19.9
40	55	Renold	90	...	...	1.4	...
1575	1240	Reuters	1499	-11	21.2	1.9	26.8
55	24	Rexmore	55 †	...	1.7	4.0	...
152	91	Ricardo Group	152	+2	5.7	4.7	42.7
69	58	Richards (Leic)	68	...	4.4	5.1	...
78	67	Richardson West	88	...	3.0	4.1	22.2
...	...	[illegible]	136	...	8.2	8.2	17.0
126	...	-do- 'A'	124	...	8.2	9.2	17.6
39	24	Ross Gp	30	...	0.6	2.7	12.3
182	140	Rotork	175	...	...	2.7	23.3
190	99	Rubicon	160	...	...	3.3	∞
55	43	Russell (A)	61	...	...	2.0	...
20	15	SEP Indl	20½	+½	...	3.5	24.3
1012½	825	SKF 'B'	912½	-12½	...	...	...
52	39	Saville Grdn (J)	51	...	2.2	5.6	∞
245	225	Scapa	235	-1	...	3.0	17.9
229	190	Scholl	224	+4	...	3.5	16.3
6½	4	Scot Heritable	5½	...	...	...	...
1075	917	Securicor	1073	+3	2.6	0.3	40.9
765	562	-do- 'A'	740	+5	2.6	0.4	28.2
660	485	Security Serv	633	-3	5.0	1.0	31.3
139	77	Senior Eng	116	...	...	3.4	10.4
351	296	Seton Health	313	-5	...	2.3	18.5
68	42	Sheldon Jones	64	-1	...	...	...
133	88	Shiloh	122	...	2.9	3.0	13.2
344	281	Sidlaw	313	+5	...	4.0	20.0
561	427	Siebe	536	-12	...	2.3	19.8
366	220	Silentnight	364	...	...	2.7	21.4
124	102	Sime Darby	116	...	...	3.9	13.3
142	32	Simon Eng	66	...	5.0	9.5	15.1
259	194	Sinclair (Wm)	196	+1	7.0	4.5	12.6
47	36	Six Hundred	38	...	...	5.8	...
164	139½	Smith & Neph	146½	+1½	...	4.0	16.0
513	389	Smithkline	446 †	-3	8.6	2.4	16.1
450	340	Smthkne Uts	393 †	-5	...	3.4	14.2
394	320	Smiths Ind	376	+1	11.2	3.7	15.3
140	58	Sthn Bus	68	+3	3.1	6.2	6.4
430	266	Spandex	428	...	...	1.9	19.0
650	309	Spear (JW)	550	...	4.0	3.2	10.1
374	314	Spirax-Sarco	370	...	...	3.1	23.5
145	44	Spring Ram	68½	+2½	...	0.6	18.8
270	222	Staveley	260	...	...	4.1	14.7
162	126	Sterling Ind	161	...	...	4.3	24.7
26	11	Stonehill	24	-½	...	...	...
187	97	Suter	184	...	8.8	6.0	19.3
361	244	Swire Pacific 'A'	327	-5	...	2.7	∞
7	4	Sycamore	6½	...	...	...	...
78	53	Sykes-Pick	64	...	...	7.8	12.2
275	240	Sylone	275	...	...	4.3	18.3
368	279	TI	358 †	+3	...	3.7	24.5
25	12	TLS Range	25	...	...	1.2	...
290	211	TT Group	271 †	-1	...	3.0	16.7
249	220	[illegible]	240	-1	1.8	0.9	19.9
868	618	Takeda Chem	817	+3	...	0.5	21.7
66	24	Tex Hldgs	61	-3	...	...	...
109	70	Tinsley (E)	94	...	...	7.2	∞
225	150	Thom	225	...	...	2.0	19.6
271	212½	Tomkins	231½	+½	...	3.4	17.1
110½	67	Trafalgar H	109½	+2	...	3.7	8.0
579	346	Transfer Tech	483	-1	16.0	4.4	11.4
190	159½	Triplex Lloyd	174	...	7.0	5.0	∞
253	214	Unichem	244	...	5.6	2.9	16.0
375	275½	Unidare	375	...	...	5.2	12.2
76	11½	Unigroup	41	...	...	...	...
1249	938	Unilever	1070	+10	21.3	2.5	14.5
8112½	6362½	Unilever (NV)	7025	+134½	...	2.8	11.8
915	513	VSEL	883	-2	...	4.1	9.4
9½	6½	Verson	8½	...	...	...	...
164	95½	Vickers	148½	-2½	...	1.3	...
367	243	Victaulic	296	...	...	3.3	14.6
440	283	Vinten	436	...	...	2.0	20.3
660	427	Vosper Thorny	660	...	...	3.0	16.0
46	41	WSP Hldgs	45	...	...	8.1	11.7
468	368	Wagon Ind	409 †	...	...	5.3	18.0
93	71	Walker Greenbk	92	...	3.1	4.2	23.5
258	201	Wassall	243	...	2.5	1.3	24.5
40	22	Watford Wdgwd	40	+2	...	...	...
384	291	Weir	350	-1	...	2.1	19.7
993	600	Wellcome	744	+2	13.0	2.2	20.5
23½	19	Wellman	20	...	0.9	5.6	32.6
343	260	West Hldcare	342 †	...	...	1.4	∞
510	460	Whatman	498	...	9.5	2.4	16.9
353	267	Whessoe	284	...	...	3.5	11.0
65	27	Whitecroft	62	-1	...	...	...
8½	4½	Widney	8	...	...	...	...
111	44	Wilkes (James)	107	...	3.5	4.1	31.3
365	289½	Williams Hldg	342	...	12.5	4.6	17.9
36½	17	Wilshaw	34½	...	...	1.8	21.7
661	533	Wolseley	644	+5	12.5	2.4	22.3
150	125	Wood (Arthur)	125	...	1.5	1.5	45.5
46	35	Wyko	40 †	...	...	3.1	...
59	38	Young (H)	56	...	3.0	6.7	20.5

INSURANCE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1993½	1547½	Alex & Alex	1643½	-6½	...	4.1	...
2312½	1787½	Am Gen	2312½	+12½	...	3.2	...
49	30	Archer (AJ)	49	...	4.4	...	23.8
148	118	Bradstock	141 †	...	5.1	4.5	17.4
498	359½	Britannic	458	...	...	3.1	...
667	556	Com Union	614 †	-7	...	5.0	...
1570	1225	Dom & Gen	1558	...	...	1.4	25.7
36	18	FAI	36	...	...	...	...
699	546	Gen Accident	687	...	28.7	4.9	...
219	160	GRE	210	+4	7.0	4.2	17.4
411	293	Heath C E	405	...	...	4.9	...
226	168	Hogg Gp	220	...	8.1	4.6	20.0
218	164	JIB Group	205	...	7.5	4.6	20.7
513	408½	Legal & Gen	487	-1	...	4.9	29.6
1092	768	Liberty Life	969	+9	...	3.0	16.5
465	403	Lloyds Abbey	431	-2	17.3	5.0	15.5
338	253	Lloyd Thomp	337	-1	5.6	2.1	24.8
368	274	Londn & Man	351	-2	14.2	5.1	25.9
431	321	Lowndes Lmb	431 †	+2	13.5	3.9	15.5
6742½	5600	Marsh McLn	5918½	-25	...	3.1	...
99	76	Odel	99	...	...	6.3	...
72	50½	PWS	71	...	4.0	7.0	10.3
349	282½	Prudential	337	...	...	4.4	22.4
1138	800	Refuge	973	...	31.5	4.0	27.0
347	248	Royal	319	-8	...	2.6	...
204	150	Sedgwick	195 †	...	...	3.9	23.7
261	205	Steel Burrill	252	...	...	6.6	14.9
87	48	Sturge Hldgs	79	+1	8.2	...	8.0
399	307	Sun Alliance	382	-6	14.2	4.7	...
61	50	Trade Indemnty	55	...	...	...	...
330	239	Transatlantic	330 †	+1	12.0	4.5	30.6
773	499	Utd Friendly	627	+2	14.5	2.9	27.3
242	171	Willis Corroon	240	-1	...	3.5	51.2
20	13½	Windsor	19	...	...	...	14.9

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1800	1548	Alliance	1783	+8	45.0	3.2	38.7
264	226½	Amer Trust	252	-2	4.9	2.4	52.3
404	306	Ang & O'seas	399 †	+2	6.8	2.1	50.7
142	124	BZW Conv	142	+1	7.8	6.9	16.6
186	137½	Bankers	181	+2	3.4	2.4	49.2
310	264	Baring Tribne	310	+1	6.4	2.6	49.0
187	131	Berry Starq	187	...	2.2	1.5	60.8
110	96½	Br Assets	107½	+1	...	5.0	26.3
82	57½	Br Empire Sec	81	...	0.8	1.4	...
29	14	-do- Wnts	28½	...	...	...	...
189	156	Br Inv	188	...	4.5	3.0	42.4
186	130	Conti Asset	185	...	2.4	1.6	61.5
195	143	Derby Inc	150	...	...	11.9	9.0
280	195	-do- Cap	275	...	...	...	...
79	62	Drayton Blue	78	...	8.4	13.5	8.7
81	35	-do- Eng Intl	77	-1	1.2	1.9	...
133	84	-do- Far East	126	-1	0.6	0.6	...
122	95	-do- Korea	114	-1	0.5	0.6	...
659	576	Dunedin Inc G	659	-4	25.4	4.9	29.9
100	94	-do- Japan	96½	...	...	...	...
55	38	-do- Warrants	52	...	...	...	...
699	513	-do- Wwde	686	+2	9.5	1.7	70.7
291	222	Dundee & Lon	290	...	...	3.9	26.8
300	250½	Edinburgh	296	...	8.4	3.5	32.4
297	183	Electra Inv	292	+2	6.7	3.0	18.5
199	141	Electric Gen	187 †	...	3.1	2.1	∞
112	85	English Scot	112	...	...	...	...
296	205	European Asset	296	...	...	2.4	38.4
121	77	Finsbury 'A'	121	...	1.0	3.1	38.6
291	248	Fleming Amer	285	...	0.7	0.1	...
219	190½	-do- Claver	217	...	...	3.1	42.8
318	212	-do- Conti	316	...	2.7	1.1	...
301	147	-do- Emp	300 †	...	4.7	2.9	∞
334	213	-do- F East	317	...	1.1	0.4	...
314	246	-do- Fledg	318	...	3.0	1.2	...
119	93	-do- Hi Inc	118	...	...	5.3	17.8
260	136	-do- Japan	257	+1	0.1	0.2	...
297	251	-do- Merc	294	+2	6.7	3.0	60.4
292	212	-do- O'seas	288	+1	4.0	1.7	68.7
259	201	Foreign & Col	251 †	...	...	1.7	68.3
214	164	-do- Eurotst	213	...	1.2	0.7	...
121	97	-do- German	121	+1	0.5	0.5	...
319	191	-do- Pacific	297	-1	1.9	0.8	...
160	116	-do- Smaller	159½	-½	1.5	1.4	...
272	145	GT Japan	249	...	...	0.6	...
145	65	Genl Cons Cap	142	...	...	...	...
123½	96	-do- Inc	113 †	...	...	9.3	11.7
145	115	Govett Am Smlr	138	...	...	...	...
316	184	-do- Oriental	302	...	0.9	0.4	...
282	207	-do- Strategs	279	+1	...	3.0	98.5
303	240	Greenfriar	302	...	...	2.0	59.0
19	5	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
54	47	Independent Inv	53½	...	0.6	1.4	∞
142	124	Inv Cap	141	+1	5.1	4.5	28.3
97	77	IAS Trt Smllr	96	...	2.8	3.6	26.8
205	156	Kleinwort Chrt	203	...	5.0	3.1	39.5
239	176	-do- O'seas	231 †	+1	1.7	1.8	65.6
127	108	-do- Smlr	125	...	4.0	4.0	31.3
680	540	Law Debenture	677 †	...	18.2	3.4	33.6
190	164	Majedie	190	...	...	3.1	26.8
272	221	Merchants	267	...	10.6	5.0	24.8
6125	3700	Merrill Lynch	6125 †	-112½	...	1.7	61.8
489	383	Monks Inv Tst	488	+1	...	4.3	26.4
133	105	Morg Gren Inc	133	...	...	...	...
47	23	Do Warrants	47	...	...	...	...
56	39	Murray Euro	55	-1	...	...	...
21	4½	Do Wts	19	...	0.1	0.4	...
342	282	Murray Income	339½	+1½	...	4.0	32.3
339	265	-do- Intl	337	+2	11.4	4.3	30.1
377	263	-do- Small	376	...	4.2	1.4	∞
103	93	-do- S/C Inc	93	...	...	14.2	9.1
135	73	-do- S/C Cap	133	...	...	4.5	...
3090	2750	-do- S/C Uts	2990	...	...	...	...
157½	142½	-do- S/C DP	157½	-1	...	4.1	24.9
315	230	-do- Vent	315	...	0.2	0.4	...
88	56½	New Frontier	87	+1½	0.7	10.1	15.7
88	68	Nwthrog Inc	83½	...	2.8	1.1	...
336	249	O'seas Inv Tst	327	...	1.1	0.3	...
411	285	Pacific Assets	393	...	...	...	...
314	187	Do Warrants	298	...	...	2.4	49.6
8300	7050	Personal Assets	8300	...	1.1	0.9	...
158	100	RIT Cap Ptnr	155	...	0.2	9.5	12.1
126	108	River & Merc	121 †	-1	...	3.0	...
419	350	Robeco	418	...	...	1.8	...
423	346	Rolinco	418	-2	7.5	3.4	37.3
279	214	St Andrew Inv	277 †	+1	...	3.8	32.4
156½	131	Scot American	153 †	-1	...	...	...
225	136	Scot Asian	217	...	...	...	...
505	225	do Warrants	498	...	...	...	...
81½	63½	-do- Eastern	79	+¼	1.5	2.4	51.6
221	183	Scottish	216	+2	4.6	2.7	44.8
225	178	-do- Mrge	220	...	4.0	2.3	57.1
92½	71	-do- Value	92	...	...	2.4	65.5
1592	1390	Second Alnce	1587	-1	38.5	2.9	42.6
89	74½	Secs Tst of Scot	87½	...	3.2	4.6	28.9
157	109½	Selective Asset	156	...	1.2	1.0	56.1
35	14	Sphere Inv	33	-½	3.1	12.0	10.4
164	112	TR Far East	155 †	...	4.5	3.6	34.0
152	136	TR City Of Lon	150 †	+1	4.8	4.0	∞
168	110	TR Pacific	157	-2	0.3	0.3	...
32	17	TR Property	29½	...	0.9	3.8	30.9
97	47	TR Tech Inv	97	+2	1.7	2.3	36.0
195	146	TR Smlr Cos	194½	+½	3.8	2.4	∞
348	283	Temple Bar	337 †	-1	13.2	4.9	25.4
97	69	Thmsn Asian E	95	-1	0.5	0.7	...
78	54	Throgmorton	76½	...	2.3	3.8	31.2
548	363	Thrg Dual Cp	538	-5	...	...	...
230	178	USDC Invest	227	...	4.5	2.5	41.8
112	76½	Value Inc Tst	107	+½	3.6	4.2	26.9
670	542	Whitbread Inv	668	-1	16.5	3.1	40.2
216	181	Witan	211½	+½	5.6	3.3	37.0

LEISURE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
381	269	Airtours	376	-3	7.2	2.4	13.3
64	42	Aid Leis	59	...	4.7	...	16.9
357	194	Anglia TV	329	...	...	3.5	15.2
103	63	Baldwin	75 †	+1	3.0	5.0	10.2
249	192	Barr & W 'A'	222	-6	10.0	5.6	14.3
1265	930	Boosey Hwks	1245	...	22.0	2.2	18.7
153	90	Border TV	136	...	...	3.1	∞
16½	4½	Brent Walker	6½	-½	...	...	...
58	48	Bristol Scotts	53	...	...	...	...
...	2	Buckingham Int	5½	...	...	...	...
282	110	Campari	136	...	...	11.0	...
229	171	Capital Radio	229	+4	5.2	2.9	26.5
818	718	Carlton Comm	804	-1	17.0	2.6	23.7
200	158	Castle Commn	175	...	...	6.1	16.0
2080	1615	Central TV	1963	...	38.0	2.4	21.4
83	61	Chrysalis	69	+1	...	...	...
589	470	Compass Gp	574	...	...	2.8	17.2
350	175	Eurocamp	230	...	9.7	5.3	9.5
1180	610	Euro Disney	645	+25	...	1.7	...
8	3½	Euro Leisure	5½	...	...	...	...
36	18	Ex-Lands	32	...	...	...	...
390	245	Fairline Boats	268	-3	10.5	4.9	...
378	303	First Leisure	304	...	6.1	2.5	20.9
515	298	GWR Gp	512	-2	...	1.7	26.3
239	149	Grampian	238	...	6.1	3.2	16.5
15	4½	Greenwich Comm	14	...	...	...	...
67	19	HTV Group	65	...	...	...	28.9
76	30	Hi-Tec Sports	57	+2	...	4.4	...
12½	5½	Kunick	11½	...	...	...	...
490	262	LWT CP	465	...	...	1.3	21.5
481	327	Man Utd	479	...	18.0	4.7	16.5
148	59	Owners Abrd	79	...	3.5	5.6	6.2
70	33	The Pelican Gp	70	+1	...	2.0	∞
160	95	Prism Leisure	135	...	...	3.0	12.5
30	16	Quadrant Grp	30	...	...	...	...
320	274	Radio Clyde	320	+5	...	3.3	25.1
191	132	Ramsdens (H)	175	-7	...	3.2	23.2
553	431	Scot TV	521	...	9.9	2.4	25.6
60	37	Southern Radio	44	+2	0.7	2.3	18.3
259	168	Stanley Leisure	259	+4	4.3	2.1	20.4
10	5½	Sunleigh	8½	+1	...	...	...
145	118	Sunset & Vine	120	...	3.5	3.6	14.0
420	345½	Tanjong	345½	...	...	0.4	∞
2½	1	Ticketing	2½	...	...	...	...
117	84	Tottenhm Hot	95	...	...	...	3.1
78	44	Trans World	56	+1	...	1.8	20.4
489	274	Ulster TV	488	...	10.0	2.6	15.0
101	62	Vardon	99	-1	0.7	0.9	23.4
22	11	Wembley	17	+1½	0.2	1.5	...
48	7½	Whitegate	42	...	...	...	...
218	110	Yorkshire TV	214	...	12.0	7.0	6.5
120	83	Zetters Gp	114 †	-1	8.0	8.8	∞

MINING

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5700	1800	Am Gold	4650	+50	...	4.5	22.3
1625	1018½	Ang Am Coal	1431½	+6½	...	6.5	7.2
2300	1125	Ang Am	2050	...	...	3.4	16.9
30½	8½	Anglo Pac Res	26	+1	...	...	...
133	33	Blyvoors	117	+1	...	5.2	6.5
46	18	Bracken	35	...	...	...	2.0
871	233	Buffels	674	+6	...	9.7	∞
2½	1	Butte	2	...	...	...	...
695	546	CRA	682	-13	...	3.0	22.0
43½	11	Cluff Res	33	...	...	...	...
1312½	762½	De Beers	1243½	+25	...	4.0	16.1
165	37½	Deelkraal	131	-2	...	1.5	∞
96	7	Doornfontein	50	-3	...	...	...
913	388	Driefontein	716	-1	...	4.3	∞
709	120	Durban	544	+5	...	...	...
201	47	E Rand Gold	129	+1	...	9.0	3.6
270	54	E Rand Prop	218	-6	...	...	...
604	117	Elandsrand	360	-5	...	3.4	8.3
899	292	FS Cons	778	+81	...	6.5	9.3
80	8	FS Dev	61	-2	...	...	...
1675	725	GFSA	1314	+3	...	3.1	∞
180	125	Gencor	158	+1	...	6.3	12.3
64½	35½	Gld Kalgoorli	51½	-1	...	2.7	12.6
22½	5	Greenwich R 'A'	15½	...	...	...	...
187	49	Grootvlei	107	+1	...	9.8	6.3
360	78	Harmony	295	-4	...	...	...
425	87	Harties	308	-1	...	6.4	∞
16	8½	Inoco	15	...	...	...	...
1010	491	Impala Plat	784	-5	...	3.6	25.6
13½	6	Kenmare Res	9½	-½	...	...	...
1080	332	Kinross	845	-36	...	6.0	9.3
913	319	Kloof	649	+10	...	3.4	∞
137	25	Leslie	102	+1	...	4.1	10.2
219	13	Loraine	167	+1	...	...	...
840	620	Lydenburg	780	...	...	2.6	∞
116½	81½	MIM	97½	-2½	...	2.4	44.5
1265	820	Minorco	1188	+14	...	3.4	13.2
136½	91	Nth Brkn Hill	130½	-3	...	3.8	20.2
2287½	612½	Orange Free	1987½	+37½	...	6.6	15.2
709	607	RTZ	702½	+4½	...	3.7	26.4
637½	425	Rand Mines	606½	+12½	...	9.7	2.7
671	150	Randfontein	544	+5	...	5.5	∞
192	115	Renison	166	-13	...	2.7	16.1
1200	850	Rustnbrg	1050	-46½	...	2.3	∞
595	191	St Helena	490	+9	...	5.0	9.8
2168	475	Southvaal	1766	+16	...	3.3	30.5
109	18	Stilfontein	94	+1	...	6.7	16.3
201	58	Unisel	126	+1	...	2.5	12.2
6075	1800	Vaal Reefs	5075	+100	...	4.4	8.7
582	154	Welkom	515	+5	...	6.5	15.2
351	26	Western Areas	291	+12	...	2.4	∞
2512½	587½	Western Deep	2225	+9½	...	2.6	10.2
283	176	Wstrn Mining	251½	-2½	...	...	...
1029	323	Winkels	887	-9	...	1.1	7.2
84	56	Zambia Copper	66	+2	...	...	...
68	18	Zandpan	50	...	...	6.2	∞

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
258	233	Abbey Panels	233	...	...	...	...
130	95	Airflow Stream	130	...	3.0	2.9	12.5
199	82	Appleyard	159	...	5.2	4.1	...
295	203	Bletchley Mtr	295	...	...	3.7	15.1
158	120	Bostrom	158	...	6.0	4.7	27.9
468	165	Br Aerospace	434	+3	7.0	2.0	...
52	19½	Burndene	47	...	...	3.1	12.5
388	303	Callyns	388	...	11.5	3.7	78.5
12½	4½	Caverdale	12½	+½	...	...	...
143	98	Central Mtr	133 †	...	...	3.8	33.8
29	18	Cook (DC)	27 †	...	...	2.8	∞
267	156	Cowie (T)	259 †	-2	6.2	3.0	19.7
133	86	Dag Motors	132	...	5.7	5.4	25.9
151	102½	Davnprt Vern	151	+1	...	3.3	19.1
299	155	ERF	299	...	2.0	0.8	...
131	92	European Mtr	131	...	...	3.2	18.4
394	208	Evans Halshaw	393	...	11.8	3.6	60.0
290	226	FR Group	275	+1	...	3.3	12.8
3650	2843½	Ford Motor	3337½	+62½	...	...	...
3312½	2143½	General Mtr	3006½	+56½	...	1.7	...
73	38	Gowrings	73	...	2.0	3.4	...
221	85	Henlys	221	...	3.0	1.7	...
917	650	Honda Motor	877	+4	...	0.6	...
30	15	Jacks (Wm)	26	...	...	...	...
108	66	Jessups	107	...	4.5	5.3	...
166	97	Kwik-Fit	162	...	...	2.6	28.9
419	281	Lex Service	416	...	...	2.6	22.7
159	85	Lookers	154 †	...	6.2	5.0	...
163	126	Lucas	153	+1	7.0	5.7	...
27	21	Malaya Grp	23½	...	...	...	...
276	224½	Pendragon	275	...	...	3.0	22.2
198	106	Perry Gp	198	...	6.0	3.8	...
185	106	Quicks Group	185	+1	...	3.1	23.4
164	99	Rolls-Royce	159½	+4	...	3.9	...
223	164	T & N	213	-1	...	6.4	34.1
208	163	Trinity Hldgs	208	...	...	3.3	∞
161	125	Vardy (Reg)	161	...	...	3.3	22.5
235	121	Westland	224	+1	4.2	2.4	19.5

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
168	101	Adscene	166	...	4.0	3.0	17.7
340	315	Black (A&C)	338	...	13.5	5.0	13.9
608	423	Blenheim Gp	455	...	...	2.5	26.9
370	275	Bristol	345	...	...	4.2	31.1
£102	7775	Daily Mail	£101	...	13.0	1.6	22.5
£101½	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	£101	...	13.0	1.6	22.5
885	251	Dorling Kind	297	...	...	1.7	28.4
371	322	EMAP	355	+1	...	2.8	21.0
1113	871	Emmoney Pb	1063	-5	29.5	3.5	23.6
237	170	Harrington R	200	-2	4.5	2.7	17.1
418	233	Haynes Pub	418	...	6.0	1.9	19.0
354	343	Hodder H'tne	355	...	5.0	1.9	20.2
140	99	Home Counties	139	...	6.6	5.4	...
140	10	Ind Bus Comm	132	...	...	...	10.1
9	0½	Int Cm & Data	7	-½	...	...	...
375	240	Independent	375	...	...	1.1	19.4
557	305	Johnstone Press	557	...	8.2	1.4	24.1
316	243	Metal Bulletin	315 †	...	5.0	3.2	22.2
181	88	Mirror Gp	174	...	...	...	...
422	297	News Corp	430	+2	...	0.3	29.3
299	169	News Intl	299	-1	...	0.5	17.0
491	354	Pearson	482	-1	...	3.1	29.4
675	510	Portsmth Sund	650	-2	...	1.9	17.3
714	618	Reed Int	711	+1	...	3.0	30.7
148	98	Southnews	148	+2	...	1.8	27.4
171	90	Sterling Pub	170	...	...	2.2	14.5
401	328	Telegraph	395	...	...	3.5	11.3
825	715	Thmson Corp	745 †	...	...	2.0	27.2
380	313	Trinity Intl	379	...	9.7	3.0	22.7
39	28	Unit Group	29	...	...	...	...
592½	490½	Utd Nwspapr	567	+2	...	4.7	16.9

OILS, GAS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
37	17	Aran Energy	30½	-1	...	...	50.9
61	37	Arcon Intl	43	...	...	...	...
69½	41½	Arkl Oil & Gas	68½	+1½	...	...	...
81	36	Atkya Pet	69	...	...	...	...
16	4	Beverley	11½	...	...	...	...
203	145	Br Borneo	201	+1	7.1	4.4	6.1
397½	276	British Gas	332½	+2	14.2	5.3	19.1
326	258	Br Petroleum	309½	+7	8.4	3.4	24.0
15	1	Bula Resources	1½	...	...	...	...
786	675	Burmah Castrl	774	+1	...	4.1	19.2
65	32	Cairn Energy	62	...	...	...	7.4
268	221	Caltex Gp	260	+4	...	5.8	21.6
64½	32½	Clyde Pet	54½	+2	...	...	...
44	27	Copley Res	39½	...	...	...	...
21½	10½	Edin Oil & Gas	19½	...	...	...	...
521	407	Enterprise	436	+5	16.0	4.6	53.5
88	33	Exp Co Louis	38	...	...	...	...
34½	18½	Fairhaven Intl	28	...	...	...	...
67	45	Goal Pet	60	+3	1.4	2.9	11.5
44	18	Gt Western Res	42	...	...	2.3	9.3
163½	104½	Hardy O & G	157½	+8	...	4.1	16.6
48	19½	Kelt Energy	42	...	...	...	...
195	130	LASMO	142	+2	5.3	2.9	24.3
103	61	-do- Units	79	...	...	9.4	15.0
24	10	Mid Scot Res	12	-½	...	...	...
51	34	Monument	50½	+2½	...	...	...
9½	4	New London	5½	...	...	...	...
37	21	Nth Sea Assets	27	...	1.0	4.6	9.3
35	27	Oil Search	31	-1	...	...	...
16	11½	Perroz	14½	-½	...	...	...
126	99	Pict Pet	118	...	...	...	16.4
29½	18	Premier	24½	-½	...	...	9.8
115	50	Presidio	115	...	...	5.3	...
393	290	Ranger	330	...	...	4.6	...
6037½	5150	Royal Dtch Pl	6587½	+109½	...	4.6	16.4
4500	3600	Schlumberger	4387½	+25	...	1.8	...
67	47	Seafield	53	...	...	...	...
665	515	Shell	660½	-9½	21.9	4.1	20.3
203	177	Sunrise Eng Sv	179	...	...	...	...
32	21	Triton Europe	26	...	...	...	5.0
12½	6	Villiers Grp	11½	...	...	...	...
172	141	Woodside	153	-4	...	2.4	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
132	120	AG Holdings	132	...	...	5.0	12.0
331	249	API	323	...	7.5	2.9	28.1
208	144	Arjo Wiggins	197	+1	...	4.1	19.3
525	408	Abbott Mead	525	...	9.3	2.2	27.1
1¼	½	Acsis Group	1¼	...	...	...	...
40	13	Aegis Gp	35	...	...	4.9	...
212	118	Aspen Comms	134	...	...	4.6	12.0
13	7	BBB Design	13	...	...	...	...
398	234½	Bemrose	398	+3	...	3.7	15.7
33	12	Birkdale	13	...	0.2	1.9	11.8
138	118	Bunzl	138	+1	4.0	3.6	20.8
302	257	CIA Gp	300 †	...	...	1.8	19.8
224	93	Capital Inds	224	...	...	1.8	21.4
79	44	City of Lon	77	+1	...	6.3	14.2
236	169	Cropper (Jmes)	232	...	3.1	1.7	22.4
8	6	Crown Comm	6 #	...	...	...	...
92	51	Delyn Pckaging	90	...	1.6	2.3	12.1
117	94	Dolphin Pack	106	...	4.5	5.3	26.2
78	42	Dudley Jenkins	77 †	...	...	5.0	17.5
15½	11½	Elswick	15½	...	...	3.1	15.4
73	41	Fairway Group	65 †	...	3.1	6.1	18.2
323	271	Ferguson Intl	320	...	...	4.8	14.5
108	92	Ferry Pick	105	...	...	6.7	28.3
134	74	Filofax	134	+1	...	1.2	17.2
20	14	Fitch	15½	...	...	...	...
122	69	Gibbon Lyons	120	...	...	5.2	13.5
295	247	Gold Greenless	285	-1	8.3	3.7	∞
41	20	Goodhead	24	...	0.5	2.6	...
88	35	Hunterprint	50	...	...	...	...
185	136	Insteurope	160	...	7.4	5.9	18.5
264	191	Jarvis Porter	250	...	...	2.3	23.3
32	15	Lopex	25	...	...	...	...
308	175	More O'Ferrall	308	...	13.2	5.4	18.9
133	48	NMC Group	127	...	2.0	2.0	19.4
137	66	Osborne & Little	137	+4	...	4.2	15.0
517	455	Portals	507	...	...	3.6	17.3
266	167	Quarto	254	...	5.3	2.6	14.0
347	287	St Ives Gp	305	...	5.2	2.2	28.8
189½	142½	Saatchi	164	...	...	...	...
474	333	Sappi	388	+6	...	9.5	7.5
20	11½	Serif	20	+½	...	...	...
32½	14	Shandwick	25	...	...	...	...
397	294	Smith David	391	...	...	3.2	20.5
295	214	Smurfit (Jeff)	252	+1	...	2.8	17.1
68	45	Somic	60	-3	1.5	3.1	24.6
246	183	Stat-Plus	228	...	8.0	4.4	20.3
27½	16½	Taylor Nelson	27½	...	0.3	1.4	22.9
68	38	VTR	68	...	...	6.2	19.4
95	40	WPP	94	+1	...	1.3	15
156	62	Wace	149	+5	...	...	...
255	203	Waddington (J)	255	+1	...	3.9	19.1
728	540	Watmough	728	...	11.5	2.0	28.6
7	4½	Westpore	6	...	...	...	...
34	12	Whitney McK	24	...	...	...	...
87	55	Wood (SW)	77	...	...	2.0	18.5

PROPERTY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
93	41	Allied Lon	93	...	3.5	4.7	...
63	58	Arcadian	62	...	...	...	...
98	52	Asda	98	+1	...	2.7	10.3
139	88	Avonside	135	...	4.0	3.7	18.9
2637½	2062½	BCE	2250	+37½	...	...	...
611	396	Bilton	611	+3	18.9	3.9	22.1
110	23	Bourne End	92	-2	1.0	1.4	...
220	150	Bradford	220	+2	5.4	3.1	22.3
23	5	Bredero	14	...	...	...	...
370	166½	Br Land	365	+5	...	2.4	33.3
240	140½	Brixton	229	-1	...	4.6	18.1
73	42	Burford	73	...	...	2.0	...
164	99	Cap & Regnl	164	...	...	0.8	...
195	120	Cardiff Prop	195	...	2.4	1.5	...
418	196	Chesterfield	417	...	11.0	3.3	39.8
40	12	City Site Ests	40	+1	1.4	...	...
23	12	Clarke Nickolls	21	...	...	...	...
53	34	Conrad Rbial GS	51	...	...	...	...
1235	818	Daejan	1235 †	+7	...	2.7	15.2
3½	1½	Dares Estates	2½	...	...	...	...
98	53	Debenhm Twsn	89	...	...	4.2	17.3
12	4	De Morgan	8	...	...	...	...
141	76	Dencora	135	+2	3.0	2.8	...
505	263	Derwent Hldgs	505	...	8.6	2.1	62.9
44	10	Development Sec	43½	...	...	...	...
55	25	Dwyer	52	...	...	...	...
260	170	Estates Agency	260	...	3.0	...	23.8
27	7½	Estates Gen	22	+2	...	...	...
214	132	Evans Of Leeds	209	...	...	2.7	18.5
30	11	Five Oaks	30	...	...	...	...
62	30	Fletcher King	62	...	1.0	2.0	41.1
455	276½	Frogmore	454	...	...	4.1	26.4
200	97	Grainger	199	...	5.2	3.3	44.5
207	116½	Gr Portland	201	...	...	6.2	19.2
26½	7½	Greycoat	20½	+½	5.2	...	...
149	101	HK Land	144	-2	...	4.5	18.6
75	35	Hambro Cntyw	68½	+½	...	...	...
396	257½	Hammerson	396	+3	10.0	3.2	40.1
663	345	-do- 'A'	366	+5	10.0	3.4	37.0
252	127	Helical Bar	252	...	...	2.4	9.1
31	19	Hemingway	31	+1	...	...	...
132	56	Herring Baker	72	+5	3.7	6.5	11
153	133	Jermyn	138	...	...	...	...
682	435	Land Sec	663	...	22.8	4.3	20.0
111	73	Lon Merch Sec	106	...	4.0	4.7	18.5
4½	1½	Lon & Metro	3½	...	...	...	...
499	315½	MEPC	490	+2	...	5.1	21.1
9	5	McInerney A	9 #	...	...	...	...
135	90	McKay Secs	132 †	...	3.5	3.3	∞
7½	3	Markheath	5½	...	0.5	...	...
49	12	Merivale Mre	41	...	1.0	...	...
5	5	Merlin Intl	5 #	...	...	...	...
40	29	Moorfield Est	40	...	...	...	...
1250	775	Mountview	1150	...	30.0	2.2	11.4
166	112	Muckiow (A&J)	166	...	5.9	4.5	23.3
46	30	Olives Prop	36	...	1.5	5.2	...
10½	3½	Ossory Est	5	...	0.1	...	1.5
143	88	PSIT	143 †	...	4.1	3.6	28.3
274	138	Peel	274 †	+1	4.0	1.8	∞
16	7	Power Corp	7	...	...	...	0.8
48	22	Property Trust	40	+2	...	...	...
75	42	Raglan	45	...	...	...	...
29	11	Regalian	19½	...	...	...	...
135	110	Rowlinson Secs	130	...	1.5	1.5	34.5
38	16	St Modwen Prp	36	...	0.6	2.1	27.4
70	39	Savills	61	...	...	2.0	24.1
89	34	Scot Met	89	...	1.5	...	...
105	39	Shaftesbury	99	...	...	...	...
15½	5	Shield	12½	...	...	...	6.5
241	139½	Slough Estates	240	+4	...	4.2	16.8
82	56	Southend Prop	74	+1	4.2	7.2	∞
28	16	Stanhope Prps	27	+3	...	...	...
184	114	Tops Ests	184 †	+2	2.1	1.4	66.6
125	79	Town Centre	125	...	3.1	3.1	23.3
83	43	Trafford Park	75	...	2.5	4.3	20.2
66	3	UK Land	5	-2	...	...	...
9½	4	Union Square	5	...	...	...	...
258	180	Warner	255	...	10.5	5.1	23.3
215	168	Warnford	215 †	-22	7.5	4.4	15.8
8	2	Waterglade	2	...	...	...	...
83	35	Wates	80	-2	0.7	...	...
76	40	Wood John D	67	...	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18	11	Automagica	15	...	...	...	...
168	84	Headlam	168	+1	...	1.9	33.9
500	315	Lambert	315	...	13.0	5.2	7.7
100	51	Pittards	63	...	2.0	4.0	18.0
30	20	Strong & Fisher	27	...	1.0	4.6	7.5
187	89	Stylo	179 †	...	...	2.1	68.5
66	53	UK Safety	65	...	...	23.8	7.1

TEXTILES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
508	408	Allied Text	483	...	12.6	3.3	15.5
69	54	Beckman (A)	65	...	4.7	...	12.9
35	21	Bolton Gp	34	...	...	...	17.3
170	141	Br Mohair	170	...	8.5	6.2	15.9
53	15	Chartwell	43	...	...	...	...
345	298	Claremont Ga	338	-1	7.2	2.7	21.1
601	522	Courtauld Text	553	-1	13.6	3.1	15.1
53½	24½	Cupid	28	...	...	...	...
249½	205	Dawson	224	...	...	5.0	17.1
38	22	Drummond	38	...	...	...	...
81	65	Faupel	81	...	...	7.6	12.5
34	15	Foster (John)	22	...	...	...	...
133	92	Gaskell	117	...	4.2	4.5	...
198	156	Hicking Pnrst	198	...	...	2.5	15.4
61	45	Jerome (S)	61	...	...	...	...
365	249	Lamont	346	...	12.0	4.3	23.0
502	353½	Leeds	496	...	...	1.8	26.8
42	...	Lister	42	...	0.1	0.3	...
122	78	Lyles (S)	99	...	4.9	7.0	10.0
180	99	Magellan	176	...	1.4	1.0	...
166	69	Parkland 'A'	166	...	2.0	1.5	...
102	82	Readicut	99½	...	...	4.3	18.7
53	35	SEET	47	...	...	...	...
101	72	Sirdar	101	...	5.1	6.4	11.8
72	44	Stirling Gp	70 †	...	1.8	3.3	17.1
51	37	Stoddard	45	...	...	4.2	41.8
312	250	Tomkinsons	300	...	11.5	4.9	25.0
62	32½	West Trust	36	...	...	8.7	...
209½	126	Yorklyde	183	...	...	3.6	12.0

TOBACCOS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
527	407	BAT	478½	-2½	...	4.9	14.3
743	564½	Rothmans 'B'	689	+1	11.5	2.1	13.2

TRANSPORT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
468	349	Assoc Br Ports	468	...	...	2.3	...
813	707	BAA	798	+6	...	2.5	19.6
399½	240	Br Airways	347	+½	...	3.8	19.1
100	56	Clarkson (H)	96	...	1.5	2.1	...
22	23	Davies Newman	23 #	...	...	...	...
515	332	Eurotunnel Uts	453	+9	...	...	...
42	44	Fisher (James)	82	+13	1.0	1.5	22.0
205	147	IoM Steam	205	-3	...	4.9	10.7
54	24	Jacobs (JI)	32	...	0.5	2.0	...
84	41	Lon O'Seas Frts	75	...	...	1.6	15.1
2900	1262½	Manchstr Sh	2862½	+75	4.5	0.2	15.8
384	260	Mersey Docks	379	+6	7.5	2.5	24.0
262	191	Nat Express	262	...	...	3.4	18.9
284	236	NFC	265	-2	6.5	3.1	20.1
354	244	Ocean Group	353	-3	...	5.4	27.2
72	40	Ocean Wilson	72	+4	4.0	6.9	12.0
670	534	P & O Dfd	658	+1	...	5.8	35.7
155	127	P & O 5½%	155	+1	...	4.4	...
561	445	Powell Duffryn	560	...	...	5.0	21.7
160	117	Seacon	160	+2	...	4.0	9.0
141	112	Stagecoach	141	+1	...	3.4	∞
5½	3½	TNT	5½	...	...	...	...
739	624	Tibbet & Brttn	738	...	11.8	2.0	28.3
242	173	Tiphook	236	-3	19.3	10.2	...
258	227	TDG	265	...	...	4.5	8.7

WATER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
551	453	Anglian Water	528	+1	...	5.0	10.7
633	547	Northumbrian	635	+1	...	4.4	6.6
537	431	North West	521	-3	...	5.1	9.3
546	439	Severn Trent	542	-1	...	4.9	8.7
577	454	Sthrn Water	563	+3	...	4.7	9.4
1525	1225	Sth Staffs	1525	...	47.0	3.9	10.9
566	465	South West	555	+1	...	5.3	9.1
562	454	Thames Water	542	-2	...	4.8	10.6
630	546	Welsh Water	619	+4	...	4.7	6.2
640	536	Wessex Water	631	+3	...	4.3	9.5
575	473	Yorkshire W	554	-1	...	4.9	9.4

Source: Finstat

♠ USM. # Price at suspension. † Ex dividend. ‡ Ex scrip. * Ex rights issue. ¤ Ex all. § Ex capital distribution. ∞ Figures or report awaited. ... No significant data

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
100	99	Fund 6% 1993	100 †	...	6.00	...
106	101	Treas 13¼% 1993	101	...	12.49	5.61
102	101	Treas 8¼% 1994	101	...	4.59	5.44
109	104	Treas 14½% 1994	104	...	13.93	5.46
109	105	Exch 13½% 1994	105	...	12.82	5.45
109	103	Treas 10% 1994	103	...	9.66	5.35
110	106	Exch 12½% 1994	106	...	11.70	5.35
105	103	Treas 9% 1994	104	...	8.64	5.59
111	108	Treas 12% 1995	108	...	11.05	5.47
97	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	96	...	3.10	4.87
109	107	Exch 10¼% 1995	108	...	9.47	5.60
116	113	Treas 12¾% 1995	114	...	11.14	5.72
120	117	Treas 14% 1996	117	...	11.87	5.92
125	121	Treas 15¼% 1996	122	...	12.44	5.96
120	116	Exch 13¼% 1996	118	...	11.23	5.94
111	108	Conv 10% 1996	111	...	9.00	6.12
122	118	Treas 13¼% 1997	121	...	10.95	6.29
113	110	Exch 10½% 1997	113 †	...	9.29	6.26
109	105	Treas 8¾% 1997	109	...	8.05	6.29
132	127	Exch 15% 1997	130	...	11.51	6.57
112	109	Exch 9¾% 1998	112	...	8.67	6.46
103	99	Treas 7¼% 1998	103	...	7.00	6.36
101	97	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	101	...	6.68	6.36
129	125	Treas 14% 1998-01	126	...	10.85	6.84

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
128	123	Treas 15½% 1998	127	...	11.27	6.69
125	119	Exch 12% 1998	122	...	9.79	6.78
113	109	Treas 9½% 1999	112	...	8.42	6.60
125	120	Exch 12¼% 1999	124	...	9.82	6.86
118	112	Treas 10½% 1999	117	...	8.92	6.72
118	112	Conv 10¼% 1999	117	...	8.71	6.74
112	106	Conv 9% 2000	111	...	8.04	6.71
132	125	Treas 13% 2000	132	...	9.84	7.04
118	109	Treas 10% 2001	117	...	8.54	7.02
119	109	Treas 9¾% 2002	117	...	8.31	7.11
109	97	Treas 8% 2003	107	...	7.47	6.98
121	109	Treas 10% 2003	120	...	8.32	7.15
125	116	Treas 11½% 2001-04	124	...	9.26	7.31
80	67	Fund 3½% 1999-04	79	...	4.40	6.11
118	105	Conv 9½% 2004	116	...	8.12	7.25
119	105	Conv 9½% 2005	117	...	8.10	7.27
136	124	Treas 12½% 2003-05	135	...	9.25	7.51
106	94	Treas 8% 2002-06	105	...	7.60	7.20
129	118	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	128	...	9.14	7.49
111	97	Treas 8½% 2007	110	...	7.73	7.34
144	131	Treas 13½% 2004-08	143	...	9.43	7.52

LONGS (over 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
115	101	Treas 9% 2008	114	...	7.85	7.37
107	92	Treas 8% 2009	105	...	7.57	7.34
117	100	Conv 9% 2011	115	...	7.78	7.40
117	100	Treas 9% 2012	116	...	7.75	7.41
85	70	Treas 5½% 2008-12	84	...	6.52	7.01
106	89	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	104	...	7.41	7.36
107	93	Treas 8% 2013	106	...	7.55	7.42
147	125	Exch 12% 2013-17	145	...	8.26	7.59
116	97	Treas 8¾% 2017	114	...	7.62	7.42

UNDATED

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
47	38	War Ln 3½%	47	...	7.45	...
34	27	Treas 2½%	33	...	7.48	...

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1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
134	131	Treas IL 2% 1994	134	...	...	0.31
199	194	Treas IL 2% 1996	199	...	1.98	2.46
109	105	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	109	...	2.03	2.67
168	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	167 †	...	2.71	3.09
164	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	164	...	2.85	3.16
112	105	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	111	...	2.90	3.20
172	159	Treas IL 2% 2006	172	...	2.93	3.16
157	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	156	...	3.08	3.30
164	149	Treas IL 2½% 2011	163	...	3.12	3.31
135	122	Treas IL 2½% 2013	135	...	3.15	3.31
146	130	Treas IL 2½% 2016	145	...	3.17	3.33
141	124	Treas IL 2½% 2020	140	...	3.21	3.35
119	102	Treas IL 2½% 2024	117	...	3.21	3.34
118	103	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	117	...	3.22	3.36

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Poetic sort of millrace

Michael Church on why a converted Yorkshire mill has attracted work by David Hockney and Tony Harrison



JOAN RUSSELL/GUZELIAN

Yorkshire poet Tony Harrison outside Salt's Mill, where his play about the "Airedale poet" John Nicholson, who died 150 years ago, will be premiered next month

The Yorkshire poet Tony Harrison says: "I work by omens," and his record bears this out. His most celebrated poem was inspired by random obscenities found scrawled on his parents' grave. His most politically radical play sprang from the discovery of a Sophoclean fragment on an Egyptian rubbish tip.

The play he is now simultaneously writing and directing — page by page, hour by hour, to meet his opening-night deadline in eleven days' time — forms the final link in a weird chain of coincidences surrounding that monument to Victorian capitalism, Salt's Mill.

First, some history. John Nicholson was a woolsorter from Bingley with dreams of literary fame. He was encouraged in his poetic endeavours by his employer, Titus Salt, but composition came to him most naturally impromptu, when he was in his cups. Rich mill-owners had him round as a party piece. He habitually scratched his poems in the congealed grease on his work-bench.

Craving immortality of the established sort, he went like Branwell Brontë to London, and got himself arrested for drunkenly haranguing a bust of Shakespeare in a theatre foyer. He visited a stonemason, and came away proudly with a plaster-cast of his own features.

His published poems celebrated peasant life, and hymned the beauties of the Aire: in the West Riding he became known as "the Airedale Poet". And it was the Aire which finally claimed him, one drunken night when he stumbled into the weir by Salt's Mill.

All he left behind was a clutch of conventional verses, and his name carved on a rock overlooking the remote valley where he communed with nature. The burghers of Bingley put his bust on a plinth in a local park, but it was stolen in a matter of weeks. So much for his dreams of Parnassus.

Seven years ago, with its industrial raison d'être long gone, the mill was threatened with demolition. Then, quite magically, the wheel came full circle.

Jonathan Silver is a Bradford businessman with Salt's own gift for turning grandiose ideas into action. He bought the mill — 1,000,000 square feet of stone galleries, extending over 17 acres — and immediately set about breathing life into it. After a brief flirtation with Rod Hackney, he dispensed with architects altogether.

> 'Poetry or Bust is the verse play he is writing against the clock'

Walk around it today, and you are left gasping at the results of this pony-tailed impresario's energy, ingenuity and audacity. On the ground floor, workers now assemble satellite-dish receivers. A long gallery with a barrel-vaulted brick ceiling has been turned into a stage-lit shrine to David Hockney, whom Silver, trading on a friendship going back 30 years, has made the mill's patron saint. This is where Hockney's fax-paintings made their first (televised) public appearance in Britain, and where his red Cubist pillar-box now stands. The air is thick with Wagner and the scent of giant lilies.

One of the upper galleries is now a clothes emporium, while another has been renamed Salt's Diner: both represent a gesture of defiance to the recession. Silver, who made his money in the rag trade, now sells formal clothes in local weaves for half the London price, and pizzas (colour menu by Hockney).

Everywhere you look in these galleries traces of the original mill have been inventively recycled: the tackle from a giant crane and the painted trumpets of the public address system make arresting objets trouvés. And out of the derelict wool-combing shop, Silver has made a theatre.

Three years ago this was the venue for the National Theatre production of Tony Harrison's clog-dancing satyr play *The Trackers of Oxyrhynchus*. On the last night, Harrison presented Silver with a first edition of a poet he thought appropriate to the occasion, John Nicholson. Meanwhile, out of the production a new theatre company was being born: Northern Broadsides, led by Barrie Rutter, another local lad.

Two months ago, as Rutter and his company were concluding a tour at the mill with their dialect version of *The Merry Wives*, Harrison looked in to say hello, and Silver flung out a challenge. He had a big Hockney show coming up. How about a new play by another local artist to go with it? What about that local artist who fell into the river, exactly 150 years ago?

"Near where we stood was a ceramic medallion of Dante in the local Burmantofts ware," Harrison recalls. " 'The Leeds Dante', I said. 'That's your fee, provided it's done by September 5,' said Jonathan.

"If I find clues to a possible event," Harrison says, "I believe it has to happen." He did his research in libraries, and then went out on the trail. The council had denied all knowledge of a bustless plinth in their park, but in ten minutes flat he found this "headless rebuke to the parishioners of Bingley", poetically enfolded by a pine grove.

Then he went to the valley where "Nicholson's Rock" was locally rumoured to be, and again struck lucky. Ringing Silver to tell him of his triumph, he heard that a local man had just walked in with Nicholson's original plastercast. "These omens suggested to me," says Harrison, "that Nicholson's passion for fame was resurfacing. And we were destined to rescue him from oblivion."

Poetry or Bust is the title of the verse play he is writing against the clock: a nice pun, given the pressure he is now under, plus the dilemma which destroyed his real-life hero. He doesn't rate Nicholson's verse very high. What he does rate is his indomitable spirit.

The stage will be peopled with a chorus of really famous busts — Homer, Byron, Keats and others — and the play will begin with the poet hunting for his own, and finding his plinth empty. Harrison insists that he doesn't want the play to be "just another piece of local history", but hopes that its proximity to its historic locus will give it a "special energy".

Northern Broadsides will provide the all-singing, all-clog-dancing actors, with Rutter playing the poet. "The importance of this play for me is that it's about finding — or not finding — your own voice," says Rutter. "Nicholson denied his, and tried to become a bust. He should have been another Burns. Coming back here, and working with like-minded people, I've rediscovered my voice, and my real energies."

Getting back to Harrison's verse, he says, "that engine, that rock 'n' roll motor," after the prose of *The Merry Wives* will be a delight. Another attraction this project has for all of them is its sheer speed.

The day before the first rehearsal, Rutter had not seen a word of the script. Quite unworried, he harked back to the first performance of *Trackers* in Delphi, where a high wind suddenly blew the set away. One hour to curtain-up, Harrison presented him with 20 new couplets to learn, incorporating the wind's effects. "It took me longer to learn than it did him to write."

But this singular event is being presented at a time, and in a place, where the eyes of the world are already focused. Hockney has designed yet another gallery in which his "Very New Paintings" are to be displayed, and he has added some even newer ones to those recently shown in Glasgow. The significance of the works to be unveiled at Salt's Mill next week is discussed at length in the second stage of his autobiography, due from Thames and Hudson in October.

And one more thing. Earlier this year Hockney went round Bridlington, where his mother lives, photographing people and dogs at play. He has decreed that 55 laser blow-ups of these should decorate Salt's Diner. Very casual, nothing heavy. "Some local snaps."

● *Poetry or Bust at Salt's Mill (0274 531163), Saltaire, West Yorks, Sept 5-12.*

Naxos is recreated in Kent

Jonathan Miller has produced a student triumph, reports **Barry Millington**

DONALD COOPER



Ariadne auf Naxos: Zerbinetta (Sharon Rostorf) and the Composer (Theresa Shaw)

Out of the ashes of the much-lamented Kent Opera has arisen Broomhill: an idyllic opera venue reclaimed from an unused Victorian theatre in a country house near Tunbridge Wells. The new enterprise differs from the previous touring operation subsidised by the Arts Council, but now in its third season, Broomhill has really made its mark with an International Opera Course under the direction of Jonathan Miller.

The theatre is a purpose-built auditorium, with a deep stage (42 feet), and wood panelling providing exceptionally fine acoustics. As part of an ambitious multi-media season (called Generator One) lasting two whole months, the opera course offered young singers from all over the world the chance to work with Miller and musical director Nicholas Cleobury on Richard Strauss's **Ariadne auf Naxos** — an apt choice, set in the private theatre of a country house.

An apt choice, perhaps, but not an obvious one, for Ariadne poses a dual casting problem that taxes even major opera companies. The coloratura pyrotechnics of the coquettish Zerbinetta inhabit realms of the stratosphere not frequented in the normal course of duty by aspiring professionals, while the role of Ariadne's saviour, Bacchus — an extended final-scene Wagnerian rant — mercilessly tests even seasoned heroic tenors.

But the gamble paid off. On the opening night, there were no embarrassing moments to make you wince; on the contrary, at least one performance I would go a long way to hear again. But first, one must pay tribute to the collective enterprise. This was a tremendously accomplished, constantly engaging theatrical event, its stage business handled with aplomb, and strongly cast.

In the Prologue, set backstage — and here the pulleys, levers and even hangings from the Victorian theatre contributed to the atmosphere — the intrigue involving Major-Domo (Andrew Hamblay-Smith in the speaking role), Music Master (strongly sung by Andrew Griffiths) and The Composer (a fervent-voiced Theresa Shaw) unfolded in great style. The German dialogue was crystal clear and excellently enunciated, if unappreciated by perhaps 95 per cent of the audience.

For the action of the opera within an opera — the simultaneous *seria* and *buffa* entertainment demanded by the Major-Domo — Miller, with designer Mark Bailey, draws on the accoutrements of the Broomhill theatre to point up the situation. The faded Victorian hangings now come into their own and Ace McCarron's full-frontal lighting evokes the ambience of amateur theatricals.

Zerbinetta's entourage of *commedia dell'arte* clowns is translated to the world of music-hall comedians, with brilliantly sung and acted performances by Stephen Chaundy, Rein Kolpa, William Dazely and Matthew Hargreaves. Rein Kolpa's Dancing Master, all patent leather shoes and prancing choreography, was poised on the edge of caricature. The voices of nymphs (Tertia Sefton-Green, Sally Harrison and Christina Wilson) wafted down from balconies.

And so to the principals. Rachel Sparer demonstrated considerable vocal reserves in the title role. If her visionary "Es gibt ein Reich" seemed to lack a touch of mystery, this was nevertheless a strongly sung performance.

Sharon Rostorf could have done with some of those reserves for her attempt on the demanding role of Zerbinetta. The coloratura of her big aria, "Grossmächtige Prinzessin!", was not floated with quite the illusion of effortlessness that the skittishness of the character requires, but it was a brave stab at a near-impossible role.

Performances of *Ariadne* can be made or sunk by the aquatic advent of Bacchus. This one was triumphantly clinched by Nicholas Buxton's unfaltering, resonant assumption of the role: a worthy hero in every respect.

Nicholas Cleobury conducted the excellent Britten Sinfonia with a genuine feel for the liquid flow of phrases, gathering in the final stages into a powerful and passionate peroration. There are six further performances, with alternating casts (0892 517720). Highly recommended.

PROMS: **Stephen Pettitt**

Nordic relish in an alpine romp

To the outside world **Mariss Jansons**, the conductor of the moment, shows a suave, modest image, reflecting the fastidious side of this most fastidious of artists. But inside there lurks a hungry animal of a musician, as Monday's Albert Hall Prom with his own **Oslo Philharmonic Orchestra** demonstrated. Richard Strauss's sprawling symphonic poem, An Alpine Symphony, which ended the concert, is not for those who stand on polite ceremony. The work is so thoroughly infused with strong onomatopoeia, and its ideas are so naïve, that it leaps into the realm of the vulgar.

But who cares about that? Not I, nor, I suspect, Jansons. He relished the sense of space that brings Strauss surprisingly close to the world of Sibelius in this work. This is Strauss overawed by nature and for once unconcerned with ego. The wonderful sunrise, the delayed triumph of the ascent and the melodrama of the flashing storm, were laid out unapologetically before an audience thirsty for the sheer physical pleasure of the experience. The fine Oslo brass resounded with glory in passages of triumph, the entire orchestra revelled in the drama of the maelstrom, and moments of spiritual mystery were painted in equally vivid colours. If orchestral conducting is about motivation, then Jansons has the magic formula in his back pocket, ready to produce at any time.

But to succeed as it did here the work's vast structure still needs to be shaped carefully and viewed as an entity. As in any symphony, you ignore internal balance at your peril. Jansons, conducting without a score, as usual, did everything right in that department, too. His judgment was sound even to the matter of preferring an electronic organ — fine instruments, these days — to the wheezing Albert Hall monster. This was altogether a thrilling experience.

The good that Jansons has wrought with his Oslo charges, comparable with what Rattle has done for the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, was equally evident in their performance of Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto. Accompanimental the orchestra's role might often be in this piece, but to balance so deftly and alertly any soloist is never easy. Here the violinist was **Midori**, slight of figure but massive of tone and superlatively confident of technique. No sign of human frailty: her violin playing is not of that kind. Nothing fazes her, nothing even begins to threaten the strength of sound or the perfection of intonation. And while it would have been good to hear her play something a little more out of the ordinary, she still managed to make this well-worn work sound relatively fresh. She relished the gentle lyricism of the slow movement and danced her way through the finale, for instance, as though, even after the scores of performances she must have already given, it still means a lot to her.

Schnittke's *(K)ein Sommernachtstraum*, with its bizarre distortions of 18th-century manners, made a slightly odd introduction to all this. It must have terrified the back-desk violinist whose solo began the concert (which was televised live), but functioned as a palate-cleansing sorbet for what followed.

Trusts do not mix

ARTS BRIEFING

A CHANGE of plan for Riverside Studios in Hammersmith, the west London arts complex. The venue had been exploring the possibility of entering into an alliance with the Women's Playhouse Trust, as a possible alternative to appointing an individual as director. Now, however, those negotiations have broken down. According to Riverside Studios, "both companies are charitable trusts and the difficulties of effecting an alliance that would properly preserve both parties' interests have proved insurmountable".

Instead, Riverside has announced the appointment of a new director, who will take up the post in October. He is William Burdett-Coutts, who since 1981 has been artistic director of Stella Artois Assembly, which runs the Assembly Rooms during the Edinburgh Festival. He has also been head of arts at Granada Television for the past four years.

His appointment is good news for Alan Rickman and Thelma Holt: Burdett-Coutts will enter into discussions with the actor and producer about forming a new theatre company based at Riverside. "I shall do my best to involve them in some form," the new director says. "I have every sympathy with the kind of stage shows they create."

Meanwhile, Burdett-Coutts promises that Riverside, which includes a cinema, gallery and television studio as well as a theatre, will continue as a mixed venue.



TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Pippa Wielgos

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

A SCOTS QUAIR: Glasgow's TAG Theatre dramatises the three parts of Lewis Grassic Gibbon's trilogy, telling the story of Chris Guthrie's journey from life on a remote farm to marriage and politics during the Depression.
Assembly Hall, The Mound. *Sunset Song* Today, 2pm, Friday, 7.30pm; *Cloud Howe*, Tonight, 7.30pm, *Grey Granite*, Thurs, 7.30pm. All three parts performed next Saturday, 1pm, 4.30pm and 8pm. Festival box office. 031-225 5756 ◪

THE GOULD TRIO: The Gould Trio return to play Schubert's *Trio in one Movement* and *Trio No 2 in E Flat* and Janáček's *Pohadka* for Cello.
Queen's Hall, Clerk Street. Today, 11am ◪. Festival box office as before.

SCOTTISH PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA: Ivor Bolton conducts the SPO in a double bill opera *Busqueda & Visitabo Sepulchrum*. The music of James MacMillan is featured in this double bill. It is inspired by the poems of the Mothers of the Disappeared in Argentina. (Sung in English and Latin).
Kings Theatre, Leven Street. Tonight & tomorrow, 7.30pm ◪ Festival box office as before.

TRADITIONAL SCOTTISH STORYTELLING: In this series of stories the many voices of Scotland are expressed in tales of mythic events, of mischief and fantasy. Told by some of Scotland's finest storytellers, they offer an entertaining and enthralling perspective into the history of the various Scottish peoples, recited within the newly restored Glasite Meeting House.
The Glasite Meeting House, Barony Street. *Today-Sept 4, 10.30pm. Festival* box office as before.

EDINBURGH FRINGE

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM: The Georgian Film Actors Studio follows its brilliant Moliere success of three years ago with a vivid recreation of Shakespeare's magical play.
Assembly Rooms, Venue 3, 54 George Street. Box office. Tonight-Sept 30. 8pm. (031-226 2428)

DR FAUSTUS LIGHTS THE LIGHTS: Gertrude Stein's retelling of the Faust legend, using the lightbulb as an image of man's achievement. Directed by Robert Wilson and performed by the Hebbel Theatr, Berlin, in English.
Royal Lyceum, Grindlay Street. Tonight-Saturday, 7.30pm ◪. Festival box office as before.

ORESTES: The Foad Theatre Company perform Euripides's play as an angry black comedy about heroism, madness and matricide.
Venue 77, The Square Centre, Nicholson Square (031-226 5257). Tonight-Sat, 4.30pm.

WHO KILLED TCHAIKOVSKY: Level Five Theatre Company presents a new play commemorating the 100th anniversary of the composer's death, an attempt to unravel the mystery surrounding the event based on the most recent information to have *emerged from Russia*.
Festival Club, 9-5 Chambers Street (031-650 2395). Tonight-Sat, 6.05pm.

ELSEWHERE

LONDON: In the earlier of tonight's two **Proms**, given by the **Matrix Ensemble** under Robert Ziegler, an imaginatively compiled programme examines the influence of black music on German composers. The works performed include Weill's *Mahagonny-Songspiel* and *Cry the Beloved Country*, and the British premieres of *Africa Songs* by the unjustly forgotten Wilhelm Grosz and of *Nobody knows de trouble I see*, a trumpet concerto by Bernard Alois Zimmermann.
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (071-589 8212) ◪ Tonight, 7.00pm (Pre-prom talk, 5.45)

LONDON: CARIBBEAN CARNIVAL EXTRAVAGANZA, The Caribbean Calypson Allstars Orchestra and the Trinidad Steelband perform traditional carnival music.
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800) Tonight-Sat, 8pm

LONDON. Feet Across the Sea: The Li-La Dance Theatre performs its debut performance in the "Mosaics" season with a double-bill programme, *Taylor Made*, by soloist Timothy Taylor, and *The Perfect Now*.
Lilian Baylis Theatre, Sadler's Wells, Arlington Way, EC1. Tonight, 7.45pm.

BRISTOL: Julia Foster and Derek Griffiths in the **Rise and Fall of Little Voice**, with Helen Sheals as the songbird chirping for freedom.
Theatre Royal, King Street. (0272-250250) ◪ Preview tonight, 7.30pm. Opens Thurs, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Wed, 7.30pm, Thurs-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs and Sats

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London
■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

◪ **CITY OF ANGELS:** Top quality Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical, packed with wit, set in LA and the world of the private eye movie.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972). Wed-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins

◪ **CRAZY FOR YOU:** Thrillingly staged new version of the Gershwin musical *Girl Crazy*.
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Wed-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins. ◪

□ **GORMENGHAST:** The David Glass Ensemble in London again after another nation-wide tour with their thrilling version of Mervyn Peake.
Lyric, King St, Hammersmith, W6 (081-741 2311) ◪. Wed-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat 28, 2.30pm. Last performance Aug 28 ◪◪

□ ***INADMISSIBLE EVIDENCE:*** Strong central performance by Trevor Eve as the disintegrating solicitor in Osborne's gripping play.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Today, 2.15pm, 7.30pm, tomorrow, 7.30pm. 190mins ◪

□ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS:** Stephen Daldry's marvellously re-imagined version of Priestley's social thriller.
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Opens Wed, 7pm. Then Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 5pm and 8.15pm, mat Wed, 2.30pm. EL4

□ **THE INVISIBLE MAN:** A rather plodding adaptation becomes breathtaking when the magic tricks take over the action.
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045). Wed-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 150mins

□ **THE LAST YANKEE:** Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere: Margot Leicester, Matthew Marsh lead a quartet of troubled Americans.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Wed-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm. 90mins ◪

LYSISTRATA. Geraldine James inspires the women of Athens to deny their men the joys of sex. Peter Hall's vigorously phallic production.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Wed-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

◪ **MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING:** Shakespeare on Shaftesbury Avenue, with Mark Rylance and Janet McTeer, proves funnier and friendlier than many a subsidised production.
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■ **SUNSET BOULEVARD:** Triumph for Patti Lupone as the faded star in Andrew Lloyd-Webber's latest success, less cynical than the Wilder film of the same story, but a thrilling occasion. Trevor Nunn directs.
Adelphi Theatre, Strand, WC2 (071-344 0055). Wed-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs and Sats, 3pm

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

LES ENFANTS DU PARADIS (PG): Welcome revival of Marcel Carné and Jacques Prévert's classic — a triumphant blend of 19th-century stage history, fantasy and romance. With Arletty, Jean-Louis Barrault, Pierre Brasseur.
Renoir (071-837 8402).

◆ **HOT SHOTS! PART DEUX** (12): Yet another wearisome spoof of the Rambo school, with Charlie Sheen, Lloyd Bridges and Valeria Golino. Directed by Jim Abrahams.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-630 0310) **Odeon Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (071-586 3057) **Odeon West End** (0426-915 574) **Whiteleys** (071-792 3303).

LAWS OF GRAVITY (18): A film about the lives of petty thieves on Brooklyn's mean streets. This is a dynamic first feature from the writer-director Nick Gomez. Plus Tim Pope's teasing short *Phone*.
Gate Notting Hill (071-727 4043)

EL MARIACHI (15): Musician and hitman get confused in a Mexican border town. Enjoyable no-budget action romp from a promising new talent, Robert Rodriguez.
Odeon Kensington (0426-914 666) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520)

CURRENT

APRES L'AMOUR (15): French love tangles, carefully unravelled by director Diane Kurys and an excellent cast, including Isabelle Huppert.
Curzon Mayfair (071-499 3737)

◆ **BARAKA** (PG): A perfect coffee table book of a film, surveying the world's miseries and wonders from Kuwait to Kathmandu. Director-photographer, Ron Frick.
MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148)

CHAIN OF DESIRE (18): Smart sexual escapades across New York, inspired by *La Ronde*. Temistocles Lopez directs a choice cast: Linda Fiorentino, Seymour Cassel, Assumpta Serna, Elias Koteas.
MGM Piccadilly (071-437 3561)

◆ **MAD DOG AND GLORY** (15): Gangster Bill Murray rewards forlorn drudge Robert De Niro by giving him Uma Thurman for a week. Bewitching off-beat comic romance, director, John McNaughton.
Empire (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332).

PUERTO ESCONDIDO (15): The tale of a Milanese bank clerk who, dogged by a killer policeman, hides away in Mexico. This is Gabriele Salvatores's flimsy follow-up to the similarly useless *Mediterraneo*, and features Diego Abatantuono and Valeria Golino.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805).

◆ **THE SNAPPER** (15): Roddy Doyle's raucous tale of an unexpected pregnancy. Strong performances (Tina Kellegher, Colm Meaney), though Stephen Frears's film suits television best.
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THE VANISHING (12): Forget Hollywood's remake: see this splendid Dutch version of George Sluizer's tale about the disappearing girlfriend. With Bernard-Pierre Donnadieu, Johanna ter Steege.
Metro (071-437 0757).

THEATRE: **Jeremy Kingston** finds good reason why a play by Shelley is rarely revived

Passable poetry, dubious drama

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Craig Pinder (centre) as the Count, who relishes his villainy almost to the point of parody, but is never dull

SHELLEY's tragedy declares its anti-authoritarian stance from the opening line, in which a cardinal tells the wicked Count Cenci, "That matter of the murder is hushed up." This will not be a play where the poor and dispossessed will find their cause espoused by the great. Quite the reverse.

Pope Clement is content that Cenci should go on sinning so that he can demand chunks of the sinner's land as marks of contrition. Later, he opposes Cenci's enemies because they are members of a younger generation — in fact, the Count's children — and the primacy of the father must be maintained.

The play received no public performance in England until Sybil Thorndike played Beatrice, the Count's valiant daughter, in a production to mark the centenary of Shelley's death. Now, to mark the bicentenary of his birth, Louise Bangay and Sydnee Blake have formed Damned Poets Theatre Company in order to mount this production. There have been others in between these two, but not many. "Pure poetry but poor drama," is what the *Oxford Companion to the Theatre* thinks of the work, and whatever "pure poetry" means, it certainly does not sound the right material for creating living flesh.

The language is blank verse, mightily influenced by Shakespearean tragedy, and Shelley manages to make it move the story along, though he loses his way whenever the characters debate with themselves the ethics of killing a bad father. Just because the Count is laying hands upon his daughter, does this permit parricide? Presumably the Count is doing murkier deeds to her, though she cannot bring herself to name them. "There are deeds that have no form," she hints darkly, and incorrectly.

Pure or not, the poetry is undistinguished, though if the play happened to be better known, I dare say lines would be quoted for the pregnancy of their simple phrasing. "I have met with much injustice in the world," is one such, though Bangay, playing Beatrice, makes nothing of it. The best lines in the entire evening come right at the end. "Here, Mother, tie / My girdle for me, and bind up this hair / In any simple knot; Ay, that does well." The language is exquisitely ordinary, and the "any" is perfection.

This cannot be said of Blake's production. Shelley leaves characters hanging around with nothing to say but Blake gives them nothing interesting to do. Setting the play in the 1930s brings no advantage, though it allows Craig Pinder's Count to look like two of the great egotists of the period, Mussolini and Charles Foster Kane. His lips curl, he all but licks them with his flickering tongue.

Relishing his villainy, Pinder grins and snarls, where a more interesting reading might have come from playing against obvious relish; but he is not dull. Sadly, Bangay often is. Drooping shoulders do not make heroines, nor do arms that are kept dangling.

Recordings of Dame Sybil playing Saint Joan make one thankful not to have seen her performance, but that tremulous voice as Beatrice would have suggested that she felt, however quaintly, what she was saying. I did not find that Bangay did suggest this, and the self-righteous hauteur in court and prison requires every fibre of an actress's vocal chords to keep us on her side. I began wishing the Count would come back as a malicious ghost, and this is not the reaction Shelley intended.

EDINBURGH FRINGE: **Kate Bassett** on real and ersatz Polishness, plus a crude British comedienne

Devils, dolls and a loud-mouthed dame

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

TOTTERING Bipeds, previously acclaimed for their productions of *The Chairs* and *The Overcoat*, are back in Edinburgh (at the Stepping Stones), with **Satan in Goray**. Based on Isaac Bashevis Singer's story of satanic possession and messianic fervour among 17th-century Polish Jews, this stage adaptation is something of a disappointment. Suffering from narrative obscurity, it becomes a frustrating spot-the-plot competition. Anne Solomon's gypsy-style violin accompaniment is excellent and there is some wicked dancing by naughty devils, but the production never really takes off.

Roll-A-Pea, presented at Theatre Workshop by Wierszalin theatre company from eastern Poland, is better by far. Tottering Biped's recreation of Polish peasant life — headscarves and sacking, cultivated limps and specially frayed wicker baskets — looks like a slightly tacky copy in comparison. *Roll-A-Pea*, played around and upon a makeshift table constructed from a worn wooden door on trestles, achieves that exhilarating combination: Poor Theatre with aesthetic class.

The puppets are far from the intricately articulated marionettes that prance around delicately on strings. These are primitive carved logs with stiff arms nailed on at the shoulders. They stand up on their own — a mother, a father and a little boy — like nativity figurines with Easter Island faces.

The puppeteers, who are also actors, simply shunt the dolls across the table or carry them around. The shortcomings of this raw simplicity, however, are a charming shared joke between audience and actors. The halfway-house technical solutions also prove witty and illuminating. When the Devil is beckoning, the puppeteer puts his hand at the end of the manikin's arm and crooks the huge finger.

This is, in fact, a complex, intriguing joint performance between puppets and people. The puppets' simple story of one family is intercut with lifesize scenes. The cast, singing in rich group harmony, fill in as extras (the dolls marry and the cast are wedding guests) and they also perform a choral function. They enact scenes from rural life, like Breughel's paintings. Moreover, the actors handling the puppets simultaneously act the roles themselves, pulling faces and talking directly to each other.

Entertaining and highly intelligent, *Roll-A-Pea* is delightful for adults and children alike. Though in Polish, the story is crystal clear. Gradually, too, the contemporary pertinence of this moral folk tale seeps through: it is an east European story of suspect travelling salesmen, children sold, and the destructiveness of greed for gold.

Jenny Eclair, playing in the Cabaret Bar at the Pleasance, has much in common with Margi Clarke, whose show was reviewed here last week. They both present themselves as sexually rampant, aging peroxide blondes. Talking explicitly about body fluids and flaps of skin, Eclair is definitely among the Top Ten Grossers. She even offers sickbags to the audience. Her energy is so extreme it is exhausting. But she is far more attractive as a personality than Clarke, especially because she does *herself* down alongside everybody else.

Sweating and red-faced, she looks as if she's about to burst a blood-vessel, but at least she exudes human warmth in spite of her vitriol. She also seems to be enjoying herself hugely.

Openly discussing female sexuality is brave and important. Still, in the process of getting equal with the lads, isn't all this shouting and crudity just an imitation of their loutishness?

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Colour enters the picture

Should artists be grouped together by cultural background? Joseph Williams previews a festival of South Asian art



Judgment by Indian artist Amal Ghosh: the Midlands festival aims to push British Asian art into the mainstream, to get it out of the ethnic minority pigeon-hole

In a perfect world, we would talk of art: not South Asian art; not British South Asian art; just art. The colour on the canvas should interest us, not the colour of the painter's skin. So when the South Asian Visual Arts Festival is launched next week in venues throughout the West Midlands, is there a political message underneath?

Is this artist-led jamboree saying that British South Asian artists are ignored by the establishment, and therefore they have to mount exhibitions themselves? Why are they not showing with their non-South Asian congeners? Are they labelling themselves by asking us to see them as "South Asian" artists rather than "artists"?

> 'The work must speak for itself, but the artist's background shapes it'

Cary Rajinder Sawhney, who is curating the Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery's contribution, one of the opening shows of the four-month festival, says: "The idea is very much to push British Asian art into the mainstream: get it out of the ethnic minority pigeon-hole — the idea that it's only for a select market. It's very hard to sell your work in the market. You're framed round the question of 'otherness' and issues about being Asian or Indian."

Anuradha Patel, who will exhibit a majestic ten-foot-tall ceremonial Hindu boat, accepts that there is a risk of ghettoising artists. "But," she adds, "I feel all this energy is there, and it just needs to come out, rather than it being issues based on whether it's right or whether we should go for mixed shows. I don't just show as an Indian artist. That doesn't come first."

She believes that many Asians would not normally come near the Birmingham Museum: it is alien to their culture. The festival aims to change that. And Asian artists, says Patel, "don't want to feel they have to create work that makes a certain comment about who they are, simply because it's expected."

The scale of the jamboree is massive. Some 60 painters, sculptors and mixed-media artists — with origins in India, Bangladesh, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, but living in Britain — are showing in museums across Birmingham, Coventry, Wolverhampton, Stoke, Worcester and Shrewsbury, among others. Juginder Lamba, the festival director, says he is concerned with giving a platform to artists who are now "second or third generation Asians" producing work that he believes will be as relevant to white as to Asian crowds.

Many artists, while maintaining traditional beliefs, want to show how these beliefs relate to a modern British way of life. Chila Kumari Burman, who creates laser-generated imagery, says there is a lack of awareness of Asian art: "People don't understand that we've been brought up very traditionally, but we're also very British or very English."

But is it right to talk of a lack of awareness? After all, British Asians have already reached top positions in the arts: from the sculptors Anish Kapoor and Dhruva Mistry to the actor Art Malik and the choreographer and dancer Shobana Jeyasingh. And many Asian visual and performing artists marry both cultures — British and South Asian — rather than embracing one to the detriment of the other.

Jeyasingh, whose dance company has successfully worked with British composers such as Michael Nyman, upsets some Asian purists because her work combines Western elements with the classical elegance of Indian Bharatha Natyam. "But," she says, "the people who are more upset are the English. A lot of native English people look to Indian dance to satisfy their taste for exoticism or nostalgia for the Raj. They love the colour and the mythology and the fact that they cannot understand it is part of the mystique.

"In a perverse way, there's a really big market for very entrenched Indian traditionalist art forms. People feel more comfortable with them because they have decided that's what Indian dance is and they don't like anything that challenges it."

She does not talk in terms of a marriage of two disparate cultures, because she sees no great gulf between them in the first place: "Part of the 20th-century experience for a lot of people has been movement from places where families have lived for generations. For me it's trying to make sense of my condition. It's really expressing what I am. And what I am is I'm of Indian origin and I live in north London. It's as simple as that."

Ironically, in a poll taken of Jeyasingh's audiences, only 15-20 per cent were British South Asians. This suggests that a whole swathe of British Asians needs to be enticed into going to see dance, just as they need to be coaxed into visiting the Birmingham Museum. But it also suggests a deeper irony, which Jeyasingh herself touches on, when she refers to the successful sculptor Anish Kapoor: "One of the strange things is that once people of South Asian origin break into the mainstream we actually forget they're of South Asian origin — they just become British contemporary sculptors."

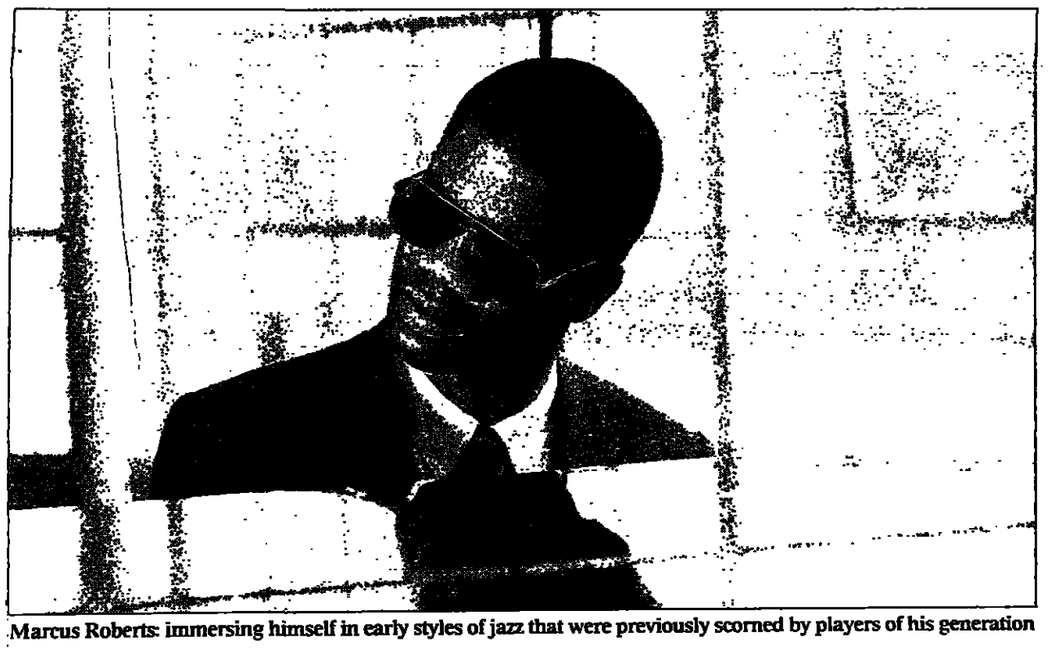
Kapoor has never turned his back on his roots — his work is informed by his Indian origins — but in 1989 he turned down the chance to appear in a major exhibition of African and Asian art at the Hayward Gallery in London. He believed the show could marginalise artists and, at the time, explained his reasons with an analogy: "If I was a woman artist, I would not want to feature in an all-women exhibition. This threatens to place more emphasis on the periphery of being an artist, rather than the main thing: the art."

So to what extent should South Asians embrace the British culture they are part of? And are they watering down their own the more they do so? For instance, many Asians actors still feel typecast. Whereas painters can be judged by their canvases alone, actors are also judged on how they look and some Asian actors run the risk of token casting.

But Ian Brown, drama director at the Arts Council, says that Asian theatre companies such as Tara Arts have broken into the mainstream, with productions of *Tartuffe* and *The Little Clay Cart* reaching the National Theatre: "I think Jatinder Verma [Tara's director] is exploring theatrical conventions in terms of British and European classics and Indian classical traditions, but not in any slavish way of applying one to the other. He's exploring the dynamics so that a different form of quite vital theatre emerges."

It should not matter that the artists in the Midlands festival are Asian; the work must speak for itself. But any artist's background and view of life shapes his or her work. And Asian artists are deeply influenced by their family traditions and experiences. The spirit of the festival is right: a celebration of art, not an angry response to a perceived oppression.

● The South Asian Visual Arts Festival *opens September 2 at various venues in the West Midlands. Festival office: (021 693 2500, mornings only) or Juginder Lamba (0939 260861).*



Marcus Roberts: immersing himself in early styles of jazz that were previously scorned by players of his generation

Past master with a great future

For the pianist Marcus Roberts the study of historical playing styles points the way forward for jazz. Clive Davis reports

For forty years or more one small corner of the leading American jazz magazine, *Down Beat*, has been set aside for a quaint, but often enlightening conversation piece known as the "Blindfold Test". Prominent players are invited to listen to half a dozen unidentified records and then to pass comment on them, awarding marks out of five.

Think of it, if you like, as a jazz version of *Desert Island Discs*, with the all-important difference that the honoured guest has no say in the selection. Usually, the test becomes an opportunity for gentle backslapping; five-star accolades are handed out with abandon.

Then, in the August edition, along came Marcus Roberts. Clearly not versed in the finer arts of diplomacy, he set about detailing the limitations of his fellow pianists. The late Art Hodes escaped relatively lightly ("It's very beautiful, it's just not swinging," concluded Roberts).

Billie Holiday's former accompanist Mal Waldron was less fortunate ("This is an example of how I hope I never play"). The Labèque Sisters' version of the music of the stride pioneer James P. Johnson was the target of another fatwa ("I'd give it zero myself"). By the time Roberts arrived at a fleet-footed rendition of a Thelonious Monk standard, played by the much-feted Cuban virtuoso Gonzalo Rubalcaba, his patience had run out ("He just don't know nothing about Monk").

His bluntness should come as no surprise. A friend and colleague of Wynton Marsalis, he shares the trumpeter's stringent — some would say intolerant — views on what makes a good jazz musician. Craftsmanship comes first for him, and like Marsalis, he is engaged on a self-imposed re-education programme in which he is immersing himself in early styles of jazz previously scorned by players of his generation.

Roberts, who turned 30 this month, now prefers to play unaccompanied, as he did at the Brecon Festival a few weeks ago. The fruits of his learning are also to be found on a series of solo recordings beginning in 1990 with *Alone With Three Giants* (Novus PD83109) — devoted to the music of Morton, Ellington and Monk — and continues with his latest release, *If I Could Be With You* (Novus 63149).

Like the previous releases, the new album is a compendium of keyboard styles, the stately gospel cadences of "Just A Closer Walk With Thee" set alongside luminous ballads such as "Embraceable You" and an audacious arrangement of Scott Joplin's "Maple Leaf Rag".

The albums arouse mixed reactions. Roberts's approach can often seem excessively impersonal and lacking in sensuality, so much so that you occasionally long for the extra surge of energy that would be provided by bass and drums. But his thoughtful programming and his harmonic sophistication are undeniable assets.

A somewhat prickly interviewee, he evidently feels he has been given a hard ride by critics, especially those who question his decision to devote so much time to revivalism. "Critics attack me for trying to play James P. Johnson, Monk and Jelly Roll Morton. They seem to me not to like real jazz. No one attacks a physicist for wanting to know what Albert Einstein did. No one criticises a pilot for wanting to learn about the Wright Brothers. It's absurd."

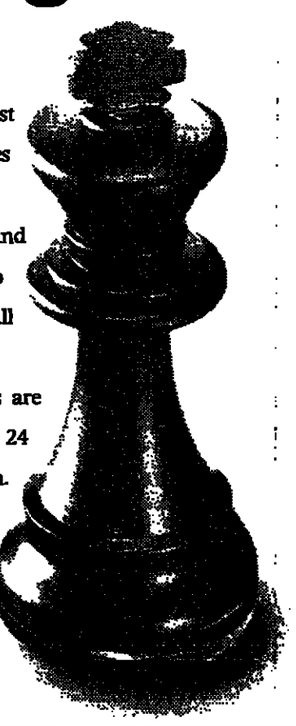
Roberts, who lost his sight when he was four, came to prominence when he joined the Marsalis band in 1985. He made his first recording with his own group in 1988, soon after taking first prize in an inaugural international jazz piano competition set up in memory of Thelonious Monk. The disc's title, *The Truth Is Spoken Here*, amply expressed Roberts's austere philosophy, though that did not prevent the album from rising to the top of the US jazz charts. The follow-up, *Deep In The Shed*, achieved the same feat, as did *Alone With Three Giants*.

But does the rise of Marsalis, Roberts and the other so-called "neo-conservatives" mean that jazz has reached the end of its natural development? Is there nothing left to look forward to but reworkings of what has gone before? "No, it's a long way from any sort of dead end," says Roberts. "That's a misunderstanding of what people like Wynton are doing."

As for the future of the piano, Roberts believes it is important to re-emphasise the importance of a fuller, two-handed approach. In the pre-bebop era, he points out, pianists were often expected to provide their own rhythmic accompaniment through the varied stride and boogie rhythms of the left hand. With the advent of bebop that function was increasingly allotted to bass players and drummers, leaving pianists to focus on right hand embellishment.

That, Roberts argues, has led to an impoverishment of technique. Pianists in his view, should be encouraged to aim for a more percussive and orchestral sound. The rhythmic element should never be under-estimated, he says — after all, people used to dance to this music.

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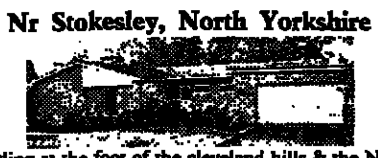
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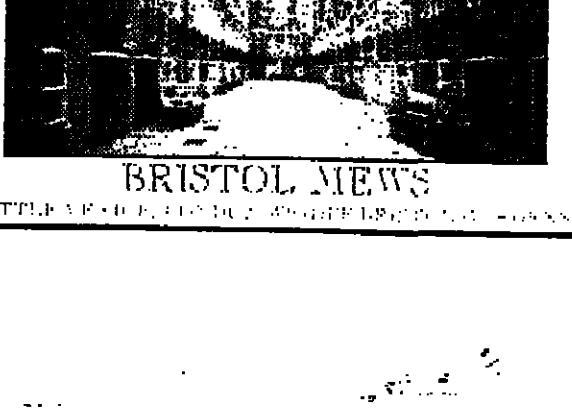
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Curtain up on second-hand fashions

Cast-off curtains and furniture from the homes of the rich and famous are collectable items, reports Rachel Kelly

The young royals are doing it. So is the Countess de Chambrun (hers were pink, moire and ruffled); Helen Mirren, the Countess of Arran and hordes of Sackville-Wests, Bonham Carters, Tennants and Astors. Anyone who is anyone, it seems, now recycles their curtains.

Just as fashion has been dominated by grunge and last season's biggest Paris couture story was "*le style recup*", so the world of interior décor has leapt on the second-hand bandwagon. Style-pointers everywhere are championing the recycled, the third-hand, the pass-me-down, the anything-as-long-as-it-isn't-new.

"Conservation is sensible as well as fashionable," says Jackie Horsford, who sells second-hand curtains and opened her tenth shop last week in Glasgow. "Home-owners want to be green not just when throwing out the rubbish but when they are doing up their houses as well. It is entirely in tune with the 1990s dislike of waste and growing environmental consciousness."

And let us not forget the recession. To curtain the average London sash window — depending on the quality of cloth and how fancy the design — would cost about £400 in labour alone. Add the cost of material, and a pair of curtains might cost £800, Ms Horsford calculates. Her second-hand curtains would cost about half.

Inspired by the horror of seeing some interlined brocade curtains thrown on to a skip, Ms Horsford set up her first Curtain Exchange five years ago in the premises below her flat in Fulham, west London.

Her curtains come chiefly from wealthy home-owners, interior decorators and show flats and have to be lined and in good condition before she will accept them. Customers wishing to sell agree a price with the shop and leave the curtains for up to six months. Ms Horsford sells them on a 50 per cent commission basis. Those that do not sell are either returned or given to charity.

> 'The patina of age is all the rage. The height of fashion'

What is old also tends to be fashionable at the moment and a best-seller. Out of favour is anything redolent of the ostentatious 1980s. Festoon blinds, except for very awkward windows or possibly kitchens, are out of favour. So are bright pastel flowers, fluffy ruffles, and elaborate pelmets. Also less popular are swags and tails and English country-house flower patterns.

In favour is a look of greater simplicity: tailored pelmets, poles with clip rings, pinch-pleated headings and faded flower patterns. And really chic are Parisian-style café curtains — checked curtains on a pole beloved of bistros the length of France. So too is anything checked or striped, preferably in yellow and blue on white.

"Many older styles are now the height of fashion," Ms Horsford says. "The patina of age is all the rage."

Joy O'Shei has just decorated her five-bedroom, four-bathroom house in Hamilton Terrace, St John's Wood, north-west London, entirely in curtains from the Curtain Exchange. "I've used plain curtains in the patterned rooms and patterned curtains in the plain rooms," she says.

"It's more economical to start with curtains. If you start on the walls, you may end up having to replaster the room and spend far more than you imagined. I prefer everything old," Ms O'Shei says.

"I like second-hand clothes and second-hand furniture and old jewellery and old people."

That old-is-chic is also true for furniture. The trick is to buy second-hand and then improve it with expensive fabric or paint-work. Designer Sasha Waddell, who redecorated the organ room at Glyndebourne, has designed a room in her own Fulham house using the cheapest street market furniture, plus one inexpensive "Louis" chair.

"Seemingly undesirable, unpromising furniture can be transformed by clever painting and chic fabrics," she says. The furniture was found during a week scouring the market and shops of Shepherd's Bush, in west London. Typically, the gilt handles on a desk were removed and replaced with tassels. The desk was painted fuchsia pink. (The decorator Mary Fox Linton predicts the return of pink as the strongest decorating theme for next year.)

Ms Waddell used John Stefanidis's foibles collection for the re-upholstery: a modern version of Venetian motifs in bright colours on thick cotton, costing £20 a metre. This collection has been chosen as an exhibit for the Victoria & Albert 20th century gallery.

The former model Ines de la Fressanges's shops in the Avenue Montaigne, Paris, pick up the same style. What is clearly old furniture has been repainted in strong, flat colours.

Mulberry design shops are moving in the opposite direction to produce the same effect. They take new furniture, and distress it, much in the manner that jeans and leather jackets are industrially aged. Roger Saul, the head of the company, says: "I realised when designing the interiors of my shops that a coffee-table in brand new pine looked hideous. So we learnt how to age things." The young royals have not yet popped in, but undoubtedly they soon will.



JULIAN HERBERT

Jackie Horsford in her stylish bedroom which is furnished with items from auction rooms, second-hand shops and markets

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A stretch of the mighty Tay, one of Scotland's premier salmon rivers, where Beatrix Potter spent part of her childhood, is for sale at offers of more than £800,000. The Dalguise Fishings, on the middle stretch of the Tay near Dunkeld, Perthshire, were part of the Dalguise estate which was rented by the Potter family in Victorian times.

Beatrix Potter spent a considerable time in the area. Her observations of the wildlife may well have influenced her books and her illustrations of characters which later became world famous, such as as Jeremy Fisher.

Salmon fishers are more likely to be interested in the fishing, which the agent, Knight Frank & Rutley, says has remained consistent over the years, with an average of 104 fish per year during a season which lasts from January to October. The stretch, traditionally a six-rod beat, offers fishing from both banks on a variety of pools. More than 2,000 fish have been taken in 20 years.

The longest salmon river in Britain at 120 miles, the Tay has a special place in the hearts of salmon fishers: some of the very productive lower beats could change hands for millions if they came on the market. The river is about 80 yards across at Dunkeld.

The record for the largest salmon taken in Britain is in the name of a Miss Ballantine, who landed a 64-pounder on the Tay in 1922, before commercial net fishing took its toll. In the 1860s a man called Wullie Walker is said to have netted an 84lb fish. Now there are hopes that netting restrictions will improve productivity and the big beasts could return.

For the sale, the Dalguise Fishings have been divided into two lots on behalf of the owners, a commercial company. The lots may be sold together or separately.

One lot covers a mile of the water and includes a lunch hut. The two islands on the stretch are protected as SSSIs (Sites of Special Scientific Interest) in a area of Scotland where anglers may see otters, osprey and oystercatchers.

The second lot offers another quarter-mile of the river and Burnside Cottage, a three-bedroom house, near the river.



Beatrix Potter spent a lot of time at Dunkeld

The Russians are here: on a buying spree

Entrepreneurs from eastern Europe have cheered the housing market



London's larger homes are the Russian buyers' targets

Many Russians may still be in shock from learning a few weeks ago that much of their currency — roubles issued before this year — had been pronounced invalid under the reforms. But a good number of them, and others from former Soviet states, are already in Britain with pockets bulging, buying London property that costs between £200,000 and more than £1 million.

Estate agents report dealings with entrepreneurial Russian businessmen who know exactly what they are looking for. The Russians themselves prefer to be discreet, having had the odd brush with tabloid reporters and having a high regard for security.

"They prefer to be able to walk straight into a property without having to do anything to it," says Mark Sumray of Benham & Reeves. The company says that out of all their foreign purchasers, those from Russia are now following closely (in numbers) on the heels of buyers from Hong Kong and America.

Mr Sumray says: "On average, they want to spend about £400,000 to £500,000 on garden flats or modern houses. They are buying either to live here or for investment and all have cash in hand."

James Wilson of Wilson & Wilson, the property search company, says: "We have had quite a few Russian clients. They want property in prime residential areas: Mayfair, Kensington, Regent's Park and Chelsea. They will consider both a new and a period home, but it has to be in good condition.

"Some of the former Soviet states, such as Latvia, are booming, and there is a new generation of entrepreneurs who have the ability to accumulate cash quickly. Their perception of our economy is that it is safe and they are looking for investment and a foothold in this country."

Yolande Barnes, Savills's research director, has just announced new figures on foreign buyers of homes in London since the collapse of the exchange-rate mechanism. She says: "Since the ERM debacle in September 1992, the number of foreigners buying in London and elsewhere has increased significantly."

Her figures, for the year to April 1993 show that in central London 7.2 per cent of purchases were by western Europeans, 2.4 per cent Far Eastern buyers, 2.4 per cent from Hong Kong, 7.2 per cent from America and 8.4 per cent from other countries — including the Russians. The average price paid by "others" was £1.28 million, compared with less than £595,000 paid by British buyers. Noel de Keyser, at Savills' Hampstead office, says: "We have had several Russian buyers spending between £500,000 and £2 million. They are buying for investment as they perceive the London market is at rock bottom, but intend to live here when they are over for business purposes."

Christopher Bective, managing director of Egerton, has had a different experience of Russian needs. "They are after flats between £200,000 and £300,000. Their economy is a bit dodgy and their purchasing power has been weakened but they are still buying over here.

"They are looking mainly in Mayfair and Kensington — a few in north London. They like their privacy and are very conscious of security," Mr Bective says.

"So far, Russian buyers dealing with us have always been individuals, not companies, always have interpreters with them, and are looking for a bolt hole.

"But £200,000 must seem a huge amount of money to them. You can get a flat next door to the Bolshoi Ballet in Moscow, of equivalent size to one with four bedrooms near the Albert Hall in London, for only £50,000. And in St Petersburg you can buy a magnificent flat for only £20,000."

Russians are renting, too. Cluttons London Residential Lettings has just let a two-bedroom flat in Sloane Street to a financial adviser and his wife for £275 a week. Cluttons says: "He was looking for a modern flat, which this is, and has taken it for a year."

Lassmans has sold two large flats for about £750,000 to Russian businessmen who wanted a family home. Both were purpose-built flats recently refurbished to a high standard, on long leases and with good security.

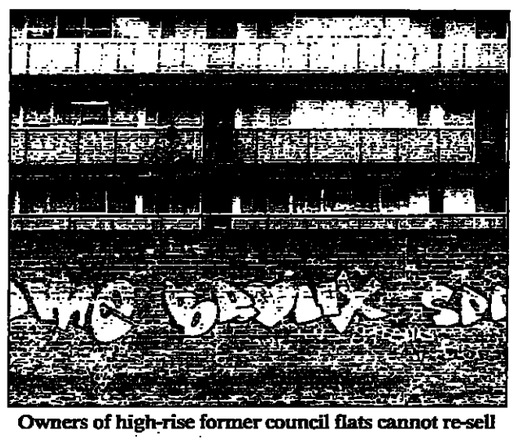
One of the properties was a four-bedroom Mayfair apartment which had been on the market for two years. "A Russian businessman saw it," says Alastair Mercer, of Lassmans, "liked the classical proportions and elegant interior and bought very quickly. The other one was on the market for only a month. Contracts were exchanged and completed within four weeks.

"They appreciate the quality of a good flat and they move like lightning once they have decided to buy. We have another three people looking at the moment around the £250,000 mark. Two other Russians were looking to spend £500,000 and both ended up spending £250,000 more."

MARY WILSON

High hopes that turn into deep trouble

The right-to-buy scheme is proving costly for some council tenants



Owners of high-rise former council flats cannot re-sell

The government has plans for a new advertising campaign encouraging more council tenants to buy their homes. Yet the right to buy has not provided the Utopian homes for council tenants that it seemed to offer when Margaret Thatcher started the scheme in 1979, despite discounts of up to 60 per cent on houses and 70 per cent on flats.

More than 1.4 million council houses and flats have been sold in the past 14 years. But some who bought their homes have been unable to resell their properties, while others, mostly flat leaseholders, have been confronted with massive maintenance bills.

The government has never publicly estimated the number of tenants it expected to take up the option to purchase, but the recession led last year to the lowest sales of council homes for ten years. Just 65,000 tenants opted to buy in 1992, compared with 132,000 in 1990 and 190,000 in 1989.

Flat owners have been particularly dogged by problems, with high service charges and maintenance bills being imposed by some councils, particularly in blocks with mixed ownership. In some cases, these have even led to repossessions.

Frances Smith, a founder of the National Federation of Council Leaseholders, said one London borough was charging some leaseholders more in service charges than local tenants were paying in rent. "Service charges and bills vary. In Hammersmith and Fulham, my service charge is £600 a year, including insurance, but a leaseholder in another borough says he's paying £114 a month for a concierge service that does not even appear to be provided," she says.

"I've heard instances of each leaseholder in a block being billed for £37,000. In another borough, they were asked for £9,000 just for double glazing and a little decorating. How many people can find that kind of money? If they'd known these bills were going to come up, such tenants wouldn't have bought."

The federation wants a leaseholders' Bill of Rights, and sent one to Sir George Young, the housing minister, in June. It demands that the right to buy flats in tower blocks is stopped, and that councils buy back at market rates those that have been sold. It wants the government to underwrite major refurbishment costs where less than two-thirds of a block or estate has been sold. Beyond that point, leaseholders have the right to buy the freehold under new legislation. Finally, it wants councils to "set thousands free" by repurchasing at a fair market value any property that cannot be resold because of discrimination, misrepresentation, or an act of neglect.

Building societies have been reluctant to lend on some properties. According to an environment department spokesman: "We're talking to the Council of Mortgage Lenders now because we know some lenders won't lend on some properties that are more than four storeys tall."

Adrian Coles, director of the Council of Mortgage Lenders', says: "There are difficulties with the right to buy where the market has all but disappeared. There's concern about the mortgageability and market for former local authority flats. If there's any question of structural problems, local authorities should ask themselves what they have sold and whether they should have sold it."

The environment department is researching the extent of the problem, and expects to make a decision in the autumn about whether to provide a scheme to help those in difficulties. Around the same time, the government will again be advertising right-to-buy. But the charity, Shelter, has warned the government against pressurising council tenants.

Sheila McKechnie, Shelter's director, says: "We don't want to see vulnerable tenants on low incomes being persuaded to exchange a secure home for one which may become insecure. Nothing is sadder than former council tenants who are being repossessed and who could have stayed in their home if they'd remained tenants."

But Alan Muiry, the professor of planning and housing at Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh, is optimistic about market prospects.

"The general picture is that there are problems with flats, but that's a small proportion of right-to-buy sales. Don't damn the whole process with that.

"Resale prices are highest on small rural estates and are worst on big urban estates with a lot of flatted property," he says. "Most people have bought on the small attractive estates. The estates where there have been lots of sales are now beginning to sell on to second buyers, and these tend to be more affluent people, because they don't get the tenants' discount. But while there has been a drop in sales, there's no reason to think the market won't revive again as we come out of the recession."

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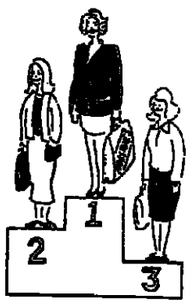
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– Supported by 3 administrators, you will be responsible for the co-ordination and smooth running of the Firm's Graduate Recruitment Programme. This will include overseeing the organisation of milkrounds etc. completing the necessary administrative back up and assisting in the development of the Graduate Recruitment Programme throughout the UK.

– Suitable candidates will be of graduate calibre, with at least 2 years spent in a graduate recruitment role, possess excellent interpersonal and organisational skills, be able to work on their own initiative and have a positive and enthusiastic manner.

– Previous supervisory experience would be highly desirable as would basic keyboard skills and WP knowledge.

Training Secretary, National Training – c£14,000

– You will provide secretarial support to a team of 5 Managers, including 80% typing, telephone liaison and ad hoc admin duties.

– With a minimum of 2 years in a secretarial role, including experience of working for a team, you must have audio/copy typing skills of c65wpm with experience of using MS Word on the Apple Mac.

■ For the above 2 vacancies, please respond to Karen Bickerstaff, Personnel Officer at the address opposite.

Manager's Secretary, National HR Team – c£14,000

– Providing a full secretarial service to the Personnel Manager and 3 Personnel Officers, you will liaise with recruitment agencies regarding interview times and candidate details, handle all recruitment administration and be responsible for booking and monitoring temporary staff.

– You should be a graduate calibre secretary, willing to study for the IPM Examinations. You will have 2 years secretarial experience, possess typing speeds of c65wpm and have experience of MS Word on Apple Mac. Excellent communication and organisational skills are essential.

Junior Secretary, HR Administration – (c£12,000 dependant on age and experience)

– Working closely with the Senior Secretary you will be providing secretarial and admin support to 2 Senior Managers.

– You should be a bright and enthusiastic 2nd jobber (with 12-18 months work experience), a team player and be able to work to tight deadlines when necessary.

– You will be A level calibre with GCSE passes in Maths and English, with good WP experience (WordPerfect 5.1) and be able to type at 50wpm. Knowledge of spreadsheets is also a requirement.

■ For the above 2 vacancies, please respond to Helen Oates, Personnel Manager at the address below.

■ Please reply by 3rd September to the appropriate contact with your curriculum vitae and a covering letter stating which vacancy you are applying for and your current and expected salary.

Replies should be sent to: Ernst & Young, Becket House, 1 Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1 7EU.

ERNST & YOUNG

SECRETARIAL/ADMIN.VACANCIES

COMPUTER COMPANY, WEST END £10-17K

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Applications to Debbie Robinson, Independent Computer Solutions, 36-38 Carnaby Street, London W1V 1PD.Tel: 071-494 0010

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We're looking for a

PA to Chief Executive

We are OMLX, The London Securities and Derivatives Exchange, and our fast-growing and international City-based business now needs an experienced PA to support the work of our Chief Executive and of our Legal Adviser.

We need someone proficient in Apple Mac and its main applications, together with good typewriting skills. Audio and shorthand preferred but not essential.

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The London Securities and Derivatives Exchange
107 Cannon Street
London EC4N 5AD

£20,000

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This unique opportunity requires an experienced, self-motivated secretary currently working at senior level, preferably within a financial services environment, who would enjoy working for a Chief Executive who travels frequently and therefore makes fewer demands on his secretary. This is a high-profile role calling for excellent communication skills and would suit someone now looking for less pressure. Someone studying by correspondence would be considered. Good understanding of the City important. Skills: 60 wpm typing.

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The ideal candidate will be looking to step out of a secretarial environment having had a minimum of five year's high profile PA/Secretarial experience.

He or she will be hard working, extremely organised, used to setting their own targets and sourcing information. You will be used to dealing direct with customers, preparing your own correspondence and presenting your own ideas.

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Please apply in writing, enclosing your C.V., to:

Will Hobhouse, Managing Director, Whittard of Chelsea Ltd, Union Court, 22 Union Road, London SW4 6JQ

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Our serviced offices are due to open in late September and we require a well presented, totally unflappable assistant to aid our Business Centre Manager.

You will have at least 60 wpm typing, together with plenty of office automation experience and excellent telephone skills. Shorthand would be an advantage.

Salary circa £13,000 plus benefits.

Please send an up to date C.V. to Natalie Williams at Stockley Park Arena Limited, The Arena, Stockley Park, Uxbridge, Middx, UB11 1AA.

PA/Office Mgr £17,000

Consultancy seeks professional PA/Office Manager with some personnel + Applemac exp. based London Bridge. Lots of involvement for 27-34 year old.

Call 071 377 6777.

Middleton Jeffers

Bi-Lingual PA/Secretary to Public Relations Director £20,000 PA

Fluent French coupled with PR or similar background essential.

Senior level skills including shorthand. Knowledge of German useful.

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Pannell Kerr Forster Associates is a leading firm of management consultants for the hotel and leisure industry. We require a senior secretary to cover for maternity leave and working for two directors and several consultants. Must be able to work on own initiative, possess good time management skills, work well in a team. Must have good English, and fast, accurate typing (Wordperfect 5.1).

Send CV stating current salary to: Jane Burt, Pannell Kerr Forster Associates, New Garden House, 78 Hatton Garden, London EC1N 8JA

MATURE, EXPERIENCED SECRETARY

required with excellent shorthand, WP & telephone skills. Ability to cope with diary and copious correspondence. Sought by hardworking, Conservative Member of Parliament.

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We require an experienced PA for Director. W4W essential. Interviews w/c 6/9/93 with imm. start. Send hand written letter with CV and a daytime tel no to:

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Due to imminent expansion, our client, a prestigious Merchant Bank, is seeking a number of high calibre Secretaries with a dynamic, positive personality to join their Corporate Finance team. Ideally you will speak one or more of the above languages FLUENTLY, with good typing + WP skills. Banking exp NOT essential. In return our client offers a superb financial package and good prospects. Age 22 - 35. Applications from College leavers also welcome.

5 Denmark Street, London WC2H 8LP
Tel: 071-379 3189 Fax: 071-379 0624

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The successful applicant will be responsible for providing full secretarial backup and book keeping, assisting with regular press releases, mailshots, trade/consumer fairs and compiling market data.

If you are well organised and reliable with word processing skills (Apple Mac) and capable of handling several projects simultaneously you could be part of this small dynamic team.

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Suit 2nd jobber
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Candidates should possess excellent secretarial and WP skills
Salary Negotiable

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FRENCH SECRETARY IN CORPORATE FINANCE to £16,500 + bens

Bilingual Secretary (age 24 - 34) & good City secretarial exp. is sought to work for the French Executive & a Manager. Typing in English & French & S/H English 80wpm minimum. German & or Italian would be useful.

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SPANISH/Italian triling PA/Sec for Intl Bank. Involved challenging role for confident sec. with 2 yrs exp and gd typing. £16k + BB. Language Matters Agy 071-930 1811.

SPANISH Law Firm, SW1, req bilingual secretary £12,000 neg. Tel: 071-930 0769.

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ADMINISTRATOR needed for a dynamic company based in SW10. Duties include: processing invoices, data entry, extensive travel arrangements and generally assisting the F D. 6 month contract - immediate start. 50 wpm and basic bookkeeping knowledge necessary. Age guide 24-28. C £15,000 pro rata. Call Claire on 071 225 1888 (VWA Rec Cons).

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DYNAMIC team urgently need a calm/easy going secretary to join them. Excellent opportunity for a bright, friendly 2nd jobber who enjoys combining their secretarial and organisational skills. Lots of client contact, diary organisation and travel arrangements as well as using typing skills of 55 wpm together with a knowledge of a Windows based package. Age guide 21-25. C£13,500. Call Claire on 071 225 1888 (VWA Rec Cons)

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EDITORIAL SEC c£13,500 p.a.+ perks. Medical & Scientific publishing Co req well ed. well spoken person. 22-29, with good work record. 50wpm typing and prev medical or academic exp. Call Wendy Pragnell, La Creme - Cons URGENTLY on 071-240 4538.

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A second chance to be a student

ANTHONY CRICKMAY

With the clearing scheme about to start, *The Times* begins its guide to degree vacancies today with arts and social sciences. John O'Leary explains how the listings work

Places may be scarce in the arts and social sciences, but the listings on these two pages demonstrate that there are vacancies for those who are quick off the mark and are prepared to be flexible about their choice of course.

There are still opportunities in business studies, and the selection of language courses is wider than most experts predicted. Even the most popular subjects, such as English and law, are available in some of the new universities and colleges of higher education, although the situation is expected to change rapidly once clearing starts.

Although formal offers cannot be made until Tuesday, applicants are advised to make the earliest possible approach to admissions officers. Good candidates will receive informal offers, and some of the courses may effectively be full after the Bank Holiday weekend.

The courses listed here all had vacancies yesterday, although many were filling up fast. The codes following each university or college name are those appearing in the UCCA or PCAS handbook for 1993 entry. Where a figure appears in brackets, it gives the institution's estimate of the number of A-level points required for entry.

Points are calculated on the normal UCCA scale, using a maximum of three A-levels. An A grade is worth ten points, B eight, C six, D four and E two. An A grade at AS-level counts as five points, B four, C three, D two and E one.

New universities and colleges of higher education do not publish predicted entry requirements. Candidates with other qualifications should contact the university to establish course requirements. The courses are listed under subject headings, and combined subject degrees may appear in more than one section. The UCCA and PCAS handbooks contain full details of each course.

Today's listings cover the arts, business and social sciences only. Vacancies in science subjects will appear tomorrow, with engineering and technology on Friday. The service will continue throughout the four weeks of clearing.

The two clearing bodies will issue instructions to all applicants who have not been offered a place by Friday afternoon. The clearing process is also open to new applicants.

University and college telephone numbers are listed on page 35. Neither UCCA nor PCAS allocates places, but both can be contacted in the event of problems with a clearing application.

A number of helplines are operating during the clearing period, which finishes on September 24. The official service, operated from Middlesex University, can be contacted on 081 801 3000. There is a queuing system, which prevents the number from ringing engaged, but will often mean a lengthy wait for callers. Among the other services is an off-air advice line run by BBC Radio 5, which has received record numbers of calls. The service, on 0500 505050, operates from 10am to 6pm daily throughout August.



Competition is fierce for courses like those at Middlesex University's School of Dance, whose students often perform in professional theatres

What lies behind the great arts squeeze?

This year's prospective arts undergraduates seem to have been especially hard hit by government cost-cutting. How did it happen?

The squeeze on arts places, which is causing such difficulties for this year's degree hopefuls, is expected to last for three years. After that, the government is committed to resuming the expansion of higher education.

Universities and colleges have known since last Christmas that they would have to limit recruitment, although the details of their funding council's plans did not emerge until early this year. By then, many had begun to make offers of places on the assumption that their most popular courses would continue to grow.

The decision by John Patten, the education secretary, to reduce the fees for arts and social science courses by a third was a response to public spending constraints. Student numbers had been rising more quickly than anyone had forecast, and ministers wanted to switch funds into the newly-independent further education colleges.

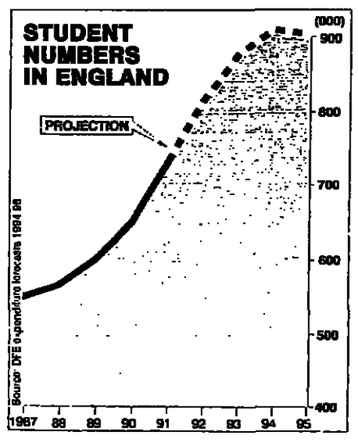
By limiting the fee cut to the arts and social sciences, Mr Patten was putting the brake on the fastest-growing courses without affecting the government's priority areas in science and technology. He could also claim to be safeguarding standards by imposing a period of consolidation after several years of rapid expansion.

Some of the new universities were feeling the strain of constant increases in student numbers. Although inspectors' reports showed no sign of falling standards of provision, growth of 25 per cent in three years had produced lectures and seminars of a size never before seen in British higher education. Residential accommodation could not keep pace, and there were protests about overcrowding in libraries and other campus facilities.

Ironically, that expansion had been fuelled by the same mechanism that is now being used to limit recruitment. Lord Joseph had halved the fees in 1982 to stop the polytechnics and colleges of higher education from taking too many students, but government policy changed and John MacGregor doubled them again in 1989 to encourage the universities to take more.

The incentive worked so well that the government's target of one school-leaver in three going on to higher education by the end of the century was already in sight last year. More than 28 per cent of 18 and 19-year-olds were going to universities or colleges, compared with fewer than 15 per cent in 1987. In spite of the freezing of student grants and an annual squeeze on higher education budgets, the open-ended commitment was too much for the Treasury.

The new fees have been pitched at a level which makes it uneconomic for institutions to recruit more new students than they did last year. Universities and colleges will receive £1,300 per student, rather than last year's £1,855.



The higher education funding councils are helping some universities and colleges with expansion plans in the arts through the first year of the freeze, but the limits are being applied all over the country. The admissions bodies report more courses in clearing, but most are in the sciences and engineering.

The standstill comes at a time when the former polytechnics and colleges were planning further growth of more than 40 per cent over four years.

Student numbers will continue to rise, but only because of growth already built into the system. If the policy remains unchanged, next year may even see some cutting back in the arts and social sciences, as universities and colleges are forced to compensate for overshooting the current targets. The higher fees for science and technology will also provide an incentive switch places into those subjects.

To add to the confusion, the admissions system will change next year, as the former polytechnics' agency merges with the universities'. Applicants will no longer be able to play off the new universities against the old, and the number of offers they can hold will be halved.

Mr Patten has guaranteed that expansion will begin again in 1996, but he has Michael Portillo's spending review to negotiate before he can be certain of that. With 25 per cent more further education students looking for openings by then and more going into school sixth forms each year, the pressure to lift the restrictions may be irresistible.

The decision will be a political hot potato judging by the reaction to the first year of the squeeze. A higher education place has become a much more widespread expectation, and many of those who will be disappointed this year will come from Conservative households. Opposition spokesmen are already making hay at the government's expense.

Vice-chancellors, who fear that public spending pressures will continue to hold down funding levels, have seized the opportunity to reopen the debate about making graduates pay more towards the cost of their education. The subject is certain to feature in the Portillo review.

Education ministers have always kept their distance from proposals for top-up fees, extra taxes or new loans, on the grounds that they may limit access to the most affluent households. But their opposition has been softening recently. Without committing himself, Tim Boswell, the higher education minister, has expressed interest in the vice-chancellors' funding debate, and he has raised no objections in principle to a university initiative on fees.

The government's plans are for steady growth for the last four years of the century to achieve the 33 per cent participation rate, although the target is likely to be reached more quickly. Once universities and colleges can remove the restrictions on arts and social science courses, it will be hard to control a new growth spurt. It will no consolation to the class of '93, but those further down the school should be able to count on a degree place.

JOHN O'LEARY

UCCA

ACCOUNTANCY
Buckingham: NN43 (12), N4N3 (12), N4L1 (12)
Kent: N400 (16)
Liverpool: N400 (20)
Salford: NN34, TN94 (16)
Wales, Aberystwyth: N400 (20), LN14 (20)

AMERICAN STUDIES
Salford: C102, C702, G4NC (24), F102 (18)

ANCIENT HISTORY
London, Royal Holloway: Q808
SOAS: Q400 (10
St Andrews: V110 (BCC), QV71 (BCC), QV61 (BCC)

ARCHAEOLOGY
Edinburgh: V670 (CCC)

ARCHITECTURE
Strathclyde: K100 (BBB), K1T2 (BBB)

ART
Wales, Aberystwyth: W150 (16+)

ASIAN STUDIES
Leeds: T626 (18)
SOAS: T540 (20), T550 (20), T520 (20), T530 (20), TTM2 (20), T555 (20), T560 (20), T510 (20), T525 (20), Q955 (20), T535 (20), T505 (20), T537 (20), T500 (20)

BUSINESS STUDIES
London, UC: H130 (22), R1N1 (16)
Salford: N120, L112
Swansea Inst: N120/N127 (12)
Ulster: FGN1 (14), N1T4 (14)
Wales, Aberystwyth: C7N1 (10), N122 (20)

CELTIC
Wales, Aberystwyth: Q500 (18)

CHINESE
Leeds: T300 (20)

CLASSICS
Kent: Q810 (16), Q820 (16)
London, UC: Q800 (16)
London, Royal Holloway: Q810, Q800
St Andrews: VQ80 (BCC), Q811 (BCC), Q810 (BCC)

COMBINED STUDIES
Liverpool: Y242 (22)

CREATIVE ARTS
Wales, Cardiff: PW45 (22)

DESIGN STUDIES
Swansea Inst: H770 (6)

DRAMA
Kent: RW14 (20), RW15 (20), RW34 (20), RW35 (20)
London, UC: R1W4 (20), R1WK (20), R2W4 (20), R2WK (20), R4W4 (20), R4WK (20), R8W4 (20), R8WK (20), RW14 (20), RW24 (20), RW4K (20), WR41 (20), WR42 (20), WR48 (20), WRK4 (20)

DUTCH
London, UC: T222 (12), TR22 (14)
SOAS: TTM2 (20)

ECONOMICS
Buckingham: L100/L112 (12)
Essex: L100 (20)
Exeter: L100, L112, L142, L141, L137, L131
London, Goldsmiths: Y615 (12)
Liverpool: L100 (20)
SOAS: L100 (18), LV11 (18)
Salford: L100, FL11 (10)
Strathclyde: GLL1 (CDD)
Ulster: L100 (16)
Wales, Aberystwyth: L100 (14), LN15 (14), LN14 (20)

EDUCATION
Wales, Aberystwyth: VX13 (20)

ENGLISH
Buckingham: V1Q3 (8)
Salford: QV31 (18), Q300 (22), Q360
Wales, St David's: 0306 (16)

EUROPEAN STUDIES
Bradford: T202, T200
Kent: R141 (18), R211 (16), R311 (16), T202 (16)
London, UC: RT1F (16), WR48 (20)
SOAS: T685 (10)
Salford: TZT9 (20), F101 (14), F103 (14), F3TK/F3T1 (8), F3R2/F3RF (8), H6T2, H6R1, H3T2, H2T2, T9T2 (20)
Strathclyde: K1T2 (BBB), H2T2 (CCC), H1N1 (CCC)

FINANCE
Salford: NN34
Wales, Aberystwyth: N400 (20)

FRENCH
London, Goldsmiths: R100 (12), KR12 (10)
Hull: F1R1 (12), G1R1 (12), R100 (20)
Kent: R101 (18), R141 (18), RR12 (16), RR13 (16), RW14 (20), RW15 (20)
Leicester: R100 (18)
London, UC: GR51 (18), R100 (16), R1N1 (16), R1W4 (20), R1WK (20), RT1F (16), RW14 (20), WR41 (20)
Manchester: RR81 (12)
London, Royal Holloway: RR12
Salford: G5R1 (14)
Wales, Bangor: R101
Wales, St David's: GR51 (10), R101 (10)

GEOGRAPHY
London, UC: F800 (14), F830 (14), F840 (14), L800 (14), L822 (14)
London, LSE: L800 (22)
Salford: L600/L802 (18)
Ulster: F806 (12), F801 (14), F800 (14)
Wales, St David's: L800 (16)

GERMAN
Hull: G1R2 (12), R200 (20)
Kent: RR12 (16), R200 (16), R211 (16)
Leicester: R200 (14), MR12 (14)
London, UC: R200 (20), RR27 (14)
London, Queen Mary & Westfield: GR52 (18), R2W4 (20), R2WK (20), RW24 (20), WR42 (20), R200 (18)
Manchester, UMIST: N1R1, RR82 (12), RR8G (12)
London, Goldsmiths: R200 (10), RR12 (8)
London, Royal Holloway: RR12, R200
Salford: G5R2 (14)
Wales, Bangor: R224
Wales, Aberystwyth: R200 (18)
Wales, St David's: GR52 (10), R200 (N10)

GREEK
Kent: Q700 (16)
St Andrews: QV71 (BCC), QV78 (BCC), Q700 (BCC), QQ79 (BCC), QQ67 (BCC), QV7W (BCC)

HEBREW
London, UC: QV98 (BCC), QQ79 (BCC), Q960 (BCC), QV8V (BCC)
St Andrews: Q960 (18)

HISTORY
Buckingham: V130 (8), V1Q3 (8)
London, Goldsmiths: V100 (12)
London, UC: V500 (20), V140 (18)
SOAS: LV11 (18), V100 (14)
Salford: Q300 (22)
Wales, Aberystwyth: V100 (20), P100 (18), M164 (18), VX13 (20)
Wales, St David's: V100 (14)

HOTEL AND CATERING
Buckingham: N120/N127 (12)

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS
Kent: N610

ITALIAN
Hull: R300 (200
Kent: R311 (16), RR13 (16), RW34 (20), RW35 (20)
Leicester: MR13 (16), RW4K (20)
London, UC: WRK4 (20), R450 (18), RT52 (18)
London, Royal Holloway: R300
Manchester (UMIST): RR83 (12), RR8H (12)

JAPANESE STUDIES
Salford: F3TK/F3T4 (8), G5T4 (14)
Ulster: N1T4 (14)

JEWISH STUDIES
London, UC: V140 (18)
SOAS: Q965 (10), Q960 (10)

LANGUAGES
Leicester: T900 (20)
SOAS: Q100 (20)

LATIN
Kent: Q600 (16)
London, Royal Holloway: Q600
St Andrews: QV61 (BCC), QQ67 (BCC), Q600 (BCC), QV6W (BCC)
St Andrews: Q960 (18)

LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES
Essex: R460 (14)
London, Goldsmiths: R400 (12)

LAW
Buckingham: M300 (12), MC39 (12)
Strathclyde: GSM3 (CCC)

LINGUISTICS
London, UC: GR52 (15), GR5K (16)
UEA: VQ71 (20), VQ72 (20)

MANAGEMENT STUDIES
Exeter: L143, L144
Kent: MND1 (14)
Manchester, UMIST: N100, NF11, N1R1
Ulster: NN59 (16), N740 (14)

MARKETING
London, LSE: N100 (12)
Wales, Aberystwyth: LN15 (14)

MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES
Manchester (UMIST): T608 (14)
SOAS: T660 (10), T605 (10)

MODERN LANGUAGES
Kent: T202 (18)
SOAS: T680 (10)
Salford: TN94 (16), T9T2 (20), NT59
Sheffield: TL97 (18)
Strathclyde: G5T9 (CCC), G1T9 (CDD)
Wales, Aberystwyth: T200 (18)
Wales, St David's: T900 (16)

MUSIC
Newcastle: W300 (12)
Wales, Cardiff: W302 (18), W300 (18)

PHILOSOPHY
UEA: VQ71 (20)

POLITICS
London, Goldsmiths: Y615 (12)
Leicester: MR12 (14), MR13 (16)
Salford: MV11, LM31 (20)
Wales, Aberystwyth: M150 (20), M152 (20), M154 (20), M164 (20), M168 (20)

RELIGIOUS STUDIES
SOAS: V800 (20)
Wales, Cardiff: V840 (18)
Wales, St David's: V840 (14)

RUSSIAN
Essex: R810 (14)
London, UC: R8W4, R8WK, WR48 (20)
Salford: F3R9/F3RV (8)
Swansea: R800
Wales, Bangor: (15)
Manchester, UMIST: R815 (10), RR81 (12) RR82 (12), RR83 (12), RR84 (12), RR85 (12), RR8C (12) RR8G (12) RR8H (12), RR8L (12)

SCANDINAVIAN STUDIES
Hull: R700 (16)
London, UC: R700 (12)
Wales, St David's: GR57 (10), R720 (10)

SOCIAL POLICY
London, Goldsmiths: L402 (12)
London, LSE: L430 (20)

SOCIOLOGY
London, Goldsmiths: L300 (12)
London, LSE: L300 (20)
Salford: L3Y6 (18), L300 (18)

SPANISH
Hull: G1R4 (12), R401 (20)
London, Goldsmiths: R400 (12)
London, UC: R4W4, R4WK
Wales, Aberystwyth: R400 (18)
Manchester, UMIST: RR84 (12), RR8L (12)

THEOLOGY
St Andrews: V808 (CCC), VQ88 (BCC), V820 (BCC), QV98 (BCC), QV78 (BCC)
Wales, Cardiff: V800 (18)
Wales, St David's: V800 (14)

TOWN PLANNING
London, UC: K400 (14)

WELSH STUDIES
Wales, Cardiff: Q520
Wales, Bangor: Q520 (14)
Wales, St David's: Q512 (10), Q520 (10)

PCAS

ACCOMMODATION MANAGEMENT
Hertfordshire: GN24

ACCOUNTANCY
Brighton: N420 (14), NT42 (14)
Dundee, Inst of Tech: N400 (4)
Glasgow, Caledonian: N400
Humberside: N420
Kingston: MN34 (18)
Northumbria: N400
London, Guildhall: N400, Y400
E London: N420
Middlesex: N420
Roehampton Inst: N400 (6)
South Bank: N420
Southampton Inst: N400, NM43
Teeside: N420
Thames Valley: N400, NT42, NM43
Univ of C England: N400

APPLIED LANGUAGE
Brighton: T900

ARABIC
Westminster: QT35, RT86, TQ61

ARCHITECTURE
E London: K100
Humberside: K100
South Bank: K100, K108
Univ of C England: K100, K260, K199, K280

ART AND DESIGN
E London: V400
Roehampton Inst: WV18 (8)

ARTS (RELATED)
De Montfort: W999 (14)
Derby: B472
Plymouth: 7404

BANKING
London, Guildhall: N120
Middlesex: N300

BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCE
Dundee Inst: L730 (4)
Roehampton Inst: GC5C (6)

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
De Montfort: N122 (12)
Gwent Coll: N150 (10)
Greenwich: N423
Humberside: G561, N170
Middlesex: N122
Northumbria: N172
Thames Valley: N122
Wolverhampton: N141

BUSINESS LAW
Humberside: M340
London, Guildhall: M340

BUSINESS STUDIES
De Montfort: N120
Dundee, Inst of Tech: N120 (4)
E London: N120
Greenwich: NN15
Humberside: N170, NR17, N1T9, LN11, H120, D450, F109
London, Guildhall: N120
London, South Bank: N1T9
Middlesex: N120
NE Wales Inst: N167, N100 (4)
Neue Coll: N120
Northumbria: N120, N1T9
Robert Gordon: N131
Roehampton Inst: NN17 (10), NN71 (10), NG15 (10), NG11 (10), N120 (10)
Salford UC: N120
Southampton Inst: G562, G568
Teeside: N120
Thames Valley: N611, N120, M1N1
Univ of C England: 7400, M390
Wolverhampton: N140, L1N1

CHINESE
Westminster: T3Q3, T3R1, T3R2, T3R3, T3R4, T3R8, TQ31

COMBINED STUDIES (ARTS)
De Montfort: Y400
NE Wales Coll: QV31 (6)
Roehampton Inst: Y300 (8)

COMBINED STUDIES (SOCIAL STUDIES)
Humberside: 7400
N Cheshire Coll: J400
NE Wales Inst: F910 (4)
Roehampton Inst: 7300 (8)
St Mark & St John Coll: N1W1

COMMUNICATION STUDIES
Edgehill Coll: P434, LP33, MP93, PQ33
Falmouth Art/Design: P438, V480
Greenwich: NN15, H621
Humberside: P300, Y302, P400
Luton: L521
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Ben Preston offers a simple guide for those whose A-levels were not what they might have been

The start of clearing today offers a last chance of a university or college place for more than 150,000 anxious candidates who missed their target A-level grades.

Competition will be tougher than ever after the government clampdown on arts and social science courses. But perseverance pays off. More than 50,000 people found a place through clearing last year — almost one in five of those entering higher education.

Careful preparation, good advice and a cool head are vital for success. Philip Oakley, general secretary of the Universities Central Council on Admissions, warns applicants to clear their diaries and prepare for hard work. He says: "It is no use expecting to obtain a place in clearing while lying on a beach in Ibiza. Getting parents to act on applicants' behalf often leads to misunderstandings."

How does the clearing system work? All candidates who either failed to obtain a university offer or fell short of their target A-level grades will receive instructions for clearing and an entry form within the next few days.

But do not wait for it to arrive before starting your preparations. By acting quickly you can steal a march on the competition. The first step is use reference books to discover the standard A-level entry grade requirements for alternative courses which interest you. Make a list. Careers advisers will be able to help flesh out the options. These should include Higher National Diploma courses which can often lead on to a degree course.

The Times will prove a vital source of information for everyone going through clearing. From today, it is the only newspaper providing a daily subject-by-subject service listing courses which have vacancies. Tomorrow the newspaper will detail spare places in science and health studies, with engineering and technology on Friday, before returning to cover arts and social science again on Saturday. The subject vacancies will continue to rotate daily over the following weeks.

After consulting the vacancy listings, applicants should telephone universities direct. Keep trying until you get through. Explain clearly what you want from a course and be prepared for some quick thinking. Obviously the more you know about the university and the course in advance, the easier it will be to make your case.

For those seeking a place at a traditional university, the aim is persuade the admissions tutor to "Q" you. This means the university will request your papers from UCCA: the tutor is seriously interested in you. Over 90 per cent of places in clearing are allocated this way.

After contacting various universities, the next step is to fill in the clearing entry form, listing up to four choices in order of preference. If a university has agreed to "Q" you, it should be listed as the first choice. UCCA will act swiftly once clearing starts officially on Tuesday. It will refer your application in turn to each university on the form which still has vacancies matching your qualifications. A "Q" request takes priority. Applicants are strongly advised to obtain only one "Q" request to reduce the risk of confusion and delay.

With candidates' approval UCCA will try to refer disappointed candidates with suitable qualifications to universities not specified on the entry form. Eventually it will inform those who have no chance of getting a university place this year.

Even if the admissions staff are very efficient, the process of obtaining your papers from UCCA, reaching a decision on them and informing you could take some time. You should write personally confirming the telephone conversation and your interest in your chosen subject. Follow this up with telephone calls until you get written confirmation of the place from both UCCA and the university.

For those seeking a place at a former polytechnic, the procedure is slightly different. Candidates should make enquiries with the new universities and apply directly to one when they receive an expression of firm interest. If on this falls through, they are then allowed to apply to another interested university.

Last year almost 11,700 applicants to traditional universities found places through clearing, more than half of those who applied. For the former polytechnics, the figure was about 40,000.

One point worth remembering: universities need students and will try to "sell" themselves to good applicants. Do not be rushed into a hasty acceptance.



DENZIL McNEELANCE

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Keeping a cool head pays off

BADRUL Islam is one of thousands of university candidates on a switchback ride this summer after receiving disappointing A-level grades.

Badrul, aged 18, formerly a sixth-former at Holland Park Comprehensive, in Notting Hill, west London, was resigned to resitting his examinations after hearing what seemed to be disasterous news last week.

The three grade Bs he needed to secure a place reading banking and international finance at City University, London, turned out to be a C at mathematics, an E in chemistry and a U at physics.

"I started preparing for the worst immediately I finished my exams. I suspected I had not done well so I tried to find out about colleges for re-takes before the results arrived," Badrul says.

Once his results arrived, Badrul refused to panic. As a last precaution before visiting the local authority careers advisers, he rang his two chosen universities to confirm they were rejecting him.

It proved an inspired decision. Queen Mary and Westfield College, which is part of the University and London, withdrew its original offer of a place to read business studies and economics but offered business studies and mathematics as an alternative.

"The offer was unexpected. I think they must have taken my GCSE results into account as well the C grade I got in maths. The course is attractive because I want to get a job in accountancy," says Badrul.

However, on the advice of the careers service and encouraged by the Queen Mary offer, Badrul still intends to go through clearing to see whether any other appealing alternatives turn up.

"I think being organised has paid dividends. I did not panic after my results and made sure I got good advice. I know I've got to be flexible and will have to go for a different course but at least I will not waste a year doing re-sits."

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Numbers every student needs

UCCA applications
Aston U. 021 359 3611
Bath U. 0225 826826
Birmingham U. 021 414 3344
Bradford U. 0274 733466
Brunel U., 0895 274000
Buckingham U. 0280 814080
City U. 071 477 8000
Durham U. 091 374 2000
East Anglia U. 0603 56161
Edinburgh U. 031 650 4360
Essex U. 0206 873666
Exeter U. 0392 263263
Glasgow U. 041 339 8855
Hull U. 0482 46311
Keele U. 0782 621111
Kent U. 0227 764000
Lancaster U. 0524 592028
Leeds U. 0532 333993
Leicester U. 0533 522295
Liverpool U. 051 794 2000
LONDON UNIVERSITY:
Goldsmiths' Col. 081 692 7171
Imperial Col. 071 589 5111
King's Col. 071 836 5454
London School of Economics 071 955 7124
Queen Mary and Westfield Col. 071 975 5511
Royal Holloway 0784 434455
School of Oriental and African Studies 071 637 2388
U. Col. 071 387 7050
Loughborough U. 0509 263171
Manchester U. 061 275 2000
UMIST 061 200 4033
Newcastle U. 091 222 6000
Nottingham U. 0602 515151
Queen's U., Belfast 0232 245133
Salford U. 061 745 5000
Sheffield U. 0742 768555
Southampton U. 0703 595000
St Andrews U. 0334 76161
Strathclyde U. 041 552 4400
Surrey U. 0483 300800
Ulster U. 0265 44141
U. of Wales:
Aberystwyth 0970 622021
Bangor 0248 351151
Cardiff 0222 874412
Lampeter 0570 422351
Swansea 0792 205678
York U. 0904 433535

PCAS applications
Bolton Inst. of H. Ed.

UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE CONTACTS

0204 28851
Bournemouth U. 0202 524111
Bradford and Ilkley Community Col. 0274 753026
Bretton Hall, Wakefield 0924 830261
Brighton U. 0273 642815
Buckinghamshire Col. of H. Ed. 0494 522141
Canterbury Christ Church Col. of H. Ed. 0227 767700
Cardiff Inst. of H. Ed. 0222 551111
U. of Central England in Birmingham 021 331 5000
Central Lancashire U. 0772 201201
Central School of Speech and Drama, London 071 722 8183
Cheltenham and Gloucester Col. of H. Ed. 0242 532826
Chester Col. 0244 375444
Coventry U. 0203 631313
De Montfort U. 0645 454647
Derby U. 0332 622222
Dundee Inst. of Technology 0382 308046
East London U. 081 590 7722
Edge Hill Col. of H. Ed. 0695 584269
Falmouth School of Art and Design 0326 211077
Glamorgan U. 0443 480480
Glasgow Caledonian U. 041 331 3000
Greenwich U. 081 316 8590
Gwent Col. of H. Ed. 0633 432432
Hertfordshire U. 0707 284000
Humberside U. 0482 440550
King Alfred's Col. of H. Ed. 0962 841515
Kingston U. 081 547 2000
Leeds Metropolitan U. 0532 832600
Liverpool Inst. of H. Ed. 051 737 3251
Liverpool John Moores U. 051 231 2121
London Guildhall U. 071 320 1000
London Inst. 071 491 8533
LSU Col. of H. Ed., Southampton 0703 228761
Luton U. 0582 34111
Middlesex U. 081 362 5000
Napier U. 031 444 2266
Nene Col., Northampton 0604 735500
Newman and Westhill Cols., Birmingham 021 476 1181
North Cheshire Col. 0925 814343
North East Wales Inst. of H. Ed. 0978 290666
North London U. 071 607 2789
Northumbria at Newcastle U. 091 227 4064
Oxford Brookes U. 0865 483040
Plymouth U. 0752 232140
Portsmouth U. 0705 876543
Robert Gordon U., Aberdeen 0224 633611
Roehampton Inst., West London 081 392 3000
U. Col. Salford 061 745 3273
Sheffield Hallam U. 0742 720911
Southampton Inst. of H. Ed. 0703 229381
South Bank U. 071 928 8989
Col. of St Mark and St John, Plymouth 0752 777188
St Mary's Col., Twickenham 081 892 0051
Sunderland U. 091 515 2000
Swansea Inst. of H. Ed. 0792 203482
Teesside U. 0642 218121
Thames Valley U., West London 081 579 5000
West London Inst. of H. Ed. 081 891 0121
Westminster U. 071 911 5000
Westminster Col., Oxford 0865 247644
West Sussex Inst. of H. Ed. 0243 86558
Wolverhampton U. 0902 321000
Worcester Col. of H. Ed. 905 748080
Writtle Col., Chelmsford 0245 420705

Courses for dark horses

Arts subjects are constantly evolving

BRAND NEW university courses are a potentially rich source of vacancies for A-level arts students as the scramble for places intensifies (*Ben Preston writes*).

Several arts courses opening in October still have opportunities for people who missed their target grades and are anxious for a university career.

The University of Plymouth has about ten vacancies for candidates with about 16 A-level points in arts subjects on its new BA honours course in Design: Heritage and Landscape. It aims to examine the heritage industry and issues raised by conservation.

Dr Peter Howard, the course leader, says questions would include whether moorlands should be open to mountain bikes which may cause erosion. "Should we clean up the church tower, or leave it looking old? Should we encourage villagers to dress up in historic costumes to atract the tourists?"

The School of Oriental and African Studies, part of London University, has about 15 to 20 vacancies for its new Comparative Religion BA honours course. It aims to offer students the opportunity to study the widest possible range of religions, including Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, African religions, Zoroastrianism, Judaism, Sikhism and Christianity.

Professor John Hinnells, head of the department (telephone: 071 323 6095), says the new course marks a coming-of-age for the subject. "The resources and expertise at SOAS mean we can avoid the danger of providing a superficial "Cooks' tour" which does not study other religions in the same depth as Protestant Christianity."

Typically, candidates should have two Bs and a C at A-level, with evidence of linguistic ability if they wish to combine the course with one of the 23 African and Asian languages available. Previous experience of Africa and Asia is also welcomed.

Teesside University has about 15 vacancies for its BA honours course in the History of Design, Architecture and the Built Environment. Linda Polley, the admissions tutor, said applicants should have proven writing and analytical skills with two grade Cs at A-level in arts subjects such as English literature or history.

COMMUNITY STUDIES
Bradford & Ilkley Comm Coll: L521, L510, N753
Edgehill Coll: LM3X, MTX5, M910, LM8X, MVX1

CONSUMER STUDIES
Leeds Metro: N750
Roehampton Inst: XN37 (10), NX73 (10), RN17 (6), N755 (4), N984 (4), LN47 (12), FN97 (4), LN87 (6)
South Bank: N980, N988

CONTEMPORARY STUDIES
Hertfordshire: Y302

COUNTRYSIDE MANAGEMENT
Middlesex: W299, FN9X
South Bank: K201

CULTURAL STUDIES
Cheltenham & Gloucester: V8L6, W4L6

DESIGN
De Montfort: WN21 (12)
Humberside: W235
West Surrey Art/Design: W230 (12)
Plymouth: W201

DRAMA
St Mary's Coll: WFL1

ECONOMICS
De Montfort: L100 (12)
Northumbria: L100
Hertfordshire: L100, Y100
Wolverhampton: L1N1, L100
Greenwich: L114
Dundee, Inst of Tech: L100 (4)
Sheffield, Hallam: N750
Teeside: N124
Thames Valley: LR11, LR12, LR14, L100
London, Guildhall: L100, L190, M3L1, Y400
Middlesex: L100, LL18, L1R1, L1R4
Humberside: LN11
E London: L110
Portsmouth: L100, LL18
Nene Coll: K200
Kingston: FL81 (12), FL31 (8), FL61 (10), GL11 (8)

EDUCATION (NOT TEACHER TRAINING)
Cheltenham & Glouchester: V8X3, M9X3
Roehampton Inst: XW33 (10), XG31 (10), XC3C (10)

EDUCATION (PRIMARY)
Bretton Hall: EW29, EW59, EW53, W420
Cheltenham & Gloucester: E3W3, E3V8, E3W2
Edgehill Coll: E2V8, E2EX, E4G1, E4V8, E2EX, E2G1

EDUCATION (SECONDARY)
Cheltenham & Gloucester: E4W4, E4V8, E4W2
Wolverhampton: E700, E701
Cardiff Inst: E7Q5, E7W3

EDUCATION (TEACHER TRAINING)
Hertfordshire: E501
Northumbria: EL71, EF73, ER71, ER72, EI79
Oxford Brookes: CE15, GE15
Leeds Met: EW72

ENGLISH
Portsmouth: Q3W6, Q3R1
Westminster: QT38, QT36, TQ3Q
Edgehill Coll: Q300, R1Q3, LQ33, LQ83, PQ33, QV31, QT32, MQ93
La Sainte Union Coll: Q3R2 (8), Q3T2 (8), Q3T9 (12), Q3V8 (8)
NE Wales Inst: QV31
St Mary's Coll: QS31
Roehampton Inst: QL34 (12), QV38 (12) GQ53
Teeside: Q306
S Bank: Q313, Q317
Luton: Q300

ESTATE MANAGEMENT
NE Wales Inst: N800 (4)
Univ of C England: N800
South Bank: N800, N808

ETHNIC STUDIES
Edgehill Coll: LT35, MTX5, RT15, LT85, TV51

EUROPEAN BUSINESS
Brighton: N1J9
Dundee, Inst of Tech: N140
Hertfordshire: Y100
Middlesex: N1R1, N1R2, N1RC
Nene Coll: N1R1, N1R2, N1R3, N1R4
Portsmouth: N140
Thames Valley: N140
Oxford Brookes: N140
Leeds Metro: N422

EUROPEAN MARKETING
Humberside: NR1C, NR1F, NR14, NR11, NR12

EUROPEAN STUDIES
Wolverhampton: T200
Edgehill Coll: T204, LT32, QT32, LT82, TV21, MTY2
La Sainte Union Coll: Q3T2 (8), R2T2 (8), T2R1 (8), T2R2 (8), T2T9 (12), T2V2 (8)
Humberside: T200, N740
Northumbria: T200
South Bank: T200
Southampton Inst: T200
Portsmouth: T200
Thames Valley: T200
Middlesex: V190
E London: JT92

FASHION
Southampton Inst: W225

FILM STUDIES
Humberside: W501
E London: V400
Southampton Inst: W510

FINANCE
Univ of C England: N420
Humberside: N420, N399
London, Guildhall: L190, N120, N399
Middlesex: N300, N420

FINANCIAL SERVICES
Glasgow, Caledonian: N124
Portsmouth: N300
London, Guildhall: N399, Y400
Sheffield, Hallam: N300

FINE ARTS
Southampton Inst: W100, W108, N812, N813

FRENCH/FRENCH STUDIES
Westminster: K4R1, T3R1, RM13, RR18, N830
Edgehill Coll: R1Q3, LR31, RT15, R512, LR81, RV11
La Sainte Union Coll: R1L8 (8), T2R1 (8)
Brighton: N799
Roehampton Inst: RN17 (6), GR51 (6), RV18 (6), RW13 (6)
Kingston Coll: FR81 (12), CR11 (10), FR11 (8), FR31 (6), FR61 (12), GR11 (8), FL81 (12)
Portsmouth: RR12, RR14, F8R1, F6R1, G1R1, F3R1
Thames Valley: RRC2, RRC4, QR31, RR12, RR18, RR14, RR16, LR11, MR31
London, Guildhall: T299, M3L1, L800, Y400
Middlesex: N1R1, N1RC

FURNITURE/ART RESTORATION
London, Guildhall: 3570, 3499

GEOGRAPHY
Edgehill Coll: L800, LL38, LQ83, LT85, LM8X, LR81, LT82, LM8Y
La Sainte Union Coll: R1L8 (8)
St Mary's Coll: FF81
Greenwich: L800
Roehampton: FF98 (6), FP98 (6), FL84 (6), FV88 (6), GF58 (6), LN87 (6), FW83 (6), FG81 (6), CF18 (6), PC8C (6), GW13 (6)
South Bank: F8P9
Luton: F3LV
Middlesex: LL18

GERMAN/GERMAN STUDIES
De Montfort: M3R2 (22)
Kingston Coll: CR12 (6), FR12 (8), FR32 (6), FR82 (10)
Portsmouth: RR12, F8R2, F6R2, G1R2, F3R2
Thames Valley: RRC2, QR32, RR12, LR12, MR32, RR28, RR24, KR26
London, Guildhall: T299, Y400
Middlesex: NR12, NR13
Westminster: K4R2, T3R2, RR28, N8R2
La Sainte Union Coll: Q3R2 (8), R2T2 (8), T2R2 (8)
Greenwich: NR52
Sheffield, Hallam: N1R2

GRAPHIC DESIGN
Southampton Inst: W211

HISTORY
Edgehill Coll: V100, LV31, QV31, TV51, MVX1, RV11, TV21, MVY1, MV91, LV81
St Mary's Coll: VS11, QV31
Roehampton Inst: VV18 (8)
Teeside: V100
Luton: V199
London, Guildhall: M142, Y400

HISTORY OF ART AND DESIGN
De Montfort: V480 (14)
Teeside: V480

HISTORY OF IDEAS
Teeside: V700

HOTEL, CATERING AND INSTITUTIONAL MANAGEMENT
Leeds Metro: N720
Portsmouth: N720
Thames Valley: N721
Univ of C England: N720
South Bank: N720

HOUSING
Cardiff Inst: K472
Sheffield, Hallam: K472

HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
Southampton Inst: N620
Teeside: N620

HUMANITIES/MODERN STUDIES
Greenwich: 7400
Roehampton Inst: 7600 (12)
Teeside: 7301
Humberside: 7301
Luton: QV31

INFORMATION SYSTEMS
Nene Coll: G599, G560

INSURANCE
London, Guildhall: N120, N330

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS
Greenwich: N140
Northumbria: N1T9
Sheffield, Hallam: N1R2, N1R4, N1R5
Thames Valley: N199

INTERNATIONAL MARKETING
Greenwich: NR52

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS/STUDIES
Nottingham Trent: M158
Portsmouth: TN25

IRISH STUDIES
St Mary's Coll: FQ15

ITALIAN
Portsmouth: RR34
Westminster: T3R3, RR38

LAND MANAGEMENT
Westminster: N830, N8R2

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
Greenwich: K300

LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT
E London: N800, K399
Middlesex: W299

LANGUAGES FOR BUSINESS
Nottingham Trent: T595
Wolverhampton: NT19
South Bank: N1T9, T810, T899
Leeds Metro: T810

LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES
Portsmouth: R600, R620, RR46
Thames Valley: RR16, RR26, RR86

LAW
De Montfort: M3R2 (22)
Glasgow, Caledonian: M311
Nene Coll: MN34
Thames Valley: NM45, M310, MR31, MR32, MR34
London, Guildhall: M340, M3LI
Hertfordshire: RM13, RM43
Westminster: M300
Dundee, Inst of Tech: M310 (4)
Roehampton Inst: M300 (14)
Teeside: M300
S Bank: M300
E London: JM93

LEGAL STUDIES
Dundee, Inst of Tech: M390 (4)

LEISURE STUDIES
N Cheshire Coll: JW51
Southampton Inst: 7502, N718
Thames Valley: 7502

LINGUISTICS
Portsmouth: TN25
Westminster: RQ81, TQ31, TQ61

LITERARY STUDIES
Middlesex: Q203

MANAGEMENT
De Montfort: WN21 (12), NN14 (12)
Glasgow, Caledonian: NIG5, M3N1, N399
London, Guildhall: L499, M148
Robert Gordon: N720
Edgehill Coll: N126
Salford UC: H100, H703
Brighton: N799 (12)
Roehampton Inst: NL74 (4), N755 (4), NL7K (12), CNC7 (4), NF79 (4)
Plymouth: N720, N740, N800
N Cheshire Coll: NP14, JW51, W4N1
Humberside: D4N1, D952, D234
South Bank: HN71
E London: CN11

MANUFACTURING SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT
Cardiff Inst: H7N1
Greenwich: H170

MARKETING
Roehampton Inst: N759 (6)
Teeside: N500
Humberside: NR1C, NR1F, NR14
Southampton Inst: N500
London, Guildhall: N120

MEDIA PRODUCTION
Cheltenham & Gloucester: P4M9
Salford UC: H998
N Cheshire Coll: NP14

MODERN LANGUAGES
Wolverhampton: T900
La Sainte Union Coll: Q3T9 (12), T2T9 (12)

MODULAR SCHEMES
Wolverhampton: Y600, AS, BC, BI, BM, BT, SI, BU, CH, CD, CS, DS, DT, D7, EC, ED, EDH, EE, EGH, ES, EU, EL, GG, HS, HA, HB, HR, LN, MF, MK, MA, MS, MB, MU, PY, PH, PC, RP, RS, SC, SS, WE, WM
Derby: Y400

MUSIC
Salford UC: W304
Roehampton Inst: WV38, WL34, XW33, RW13 (6), FW83 (6), FW93 (6)

PERFORMANCE/MOVEMENT STUDIES
De Montfort: W901 (10)
N Cheshire Coll: W4N1

PHILOSOPHY
Middlesex: Q203

POLITICAL ECONOMY
E London: M100

POLITICS/GOVERNMENT
Nottingham Trent: M138
La Sainte Union Coll: M1V8
Teeside: M100
S Bank: M100, M108
Northumbria: M142
Portsmouth: M100
London, Guildhall: M142, Y400

PORTUGESE
Portsmouth: WR45

PSYCHOLOGY
Humberside: C800
S Bank: Q3L7

PUBLIC/SOCIAL ADMINISTRATION
Glasgow, Caledonian: MN11
Teeside: M140

PUBLIC RELATIONS
St Mark & St John Coll: P4LH, P4NC, P4M9, P4QC, P4QH
Southampton Inst: M148

RADIO/TELEVISION STUDIES
Teeside: B895

RECREATIONAL MANAGEMENT
St Mark & St John Coll: NX12

RETAILING
Dundee, Inst of Tech: N550

RUSSIAN/RUSSIAN STUDIES
Portsmouth: R810
Westminster: RQ81, RR28, RR38, RR48, RT86, T3R8
Thames Valley: QR38, RR18, RR28, RR84, RR86

SOCIAL ADMINISTRATION
Roehampton Inst: VL14 (8), WL34 (8), NL74 (4), FL94 (4), FL84

SOCIAL POLICY
E London: L310
London, Guildhall: L499

SOCIAL SCIENCE/STUDIES
Hertfordshire: L322
Edgehill Coll: L300, LT35, LP33, LM3X, LQ33, LR31, LL38, LV31, LT32, LM3Y, LM39
Roehampton: XC3C (10), C1C4 (12)
South Bank: Q313
E London: L322
Glasgow, Caledonian: L510
Southampton Inst: L322
Thames Valley: L322

SOCIETY AND TECHNOLOGY
Greenwich: 7400

SPANISH/SPANISH STUDIES
Portsmouth: RR46, RR45, R410, R1234
Thames Valley: QR34, RR14, RR16, RR24, RR26, RR84, RR86, LR14, MR34
London, Guildhall: Y400
Westminster: RM43, RR48, T3R4

THEOLOGY
Edgehill Coll: E2V8, E4V8
La Sainte Union Coll: V840 (8), M1V8 (8), Q3V8 (8), T2V8 (8)
St Mary's Coll: VF11
Roehampton Inst: QV38 (12), RV18 (6), WV38 (8), WV18 (8), VM89 (8), CVC8 (4), FV88 (6)
St Mark & St John Coll: V8G5, V8N1, V8V1, V8M9
Cheltenham & Gloucester: V8L6, V8X3, V8M9

TOURISM AND TRAVEL
Wolverhampton: N700
South Bank: Y502

TRANSPORT AND DISTRIBUTION
London, Guildhall: N120

URBAN STUDIES
Edgehill Coll: M900, LM3Y, LM8Y, MVY1, MTY2, M915
Sheffield, Hallam: K460
E London: K460

VISUAL ARTS/STUDIES
Derby: V400

WOMEN'S STUDIES
Edgehill Coll: LM39, MP93, M910, MQ93, MV91, M915
Sheffield, Hallam: M903
Roehampton Inst: VM89 (8)
E London: M903
Cheltenham & Gloucester: M9G5, M9X3, M9P4, M9V8

YOUTH STUDIES
NE Wales Inst: L520

Gwent: BSc (Hons): Business and Accounting (10), Accounting and Legal Studies (10), Accounting and Finance (10), Accountancy Foundation Course (10).
Napier: BA (Hons): Accounting, Business Studies, Commerce, Export Studies and Languages, Financial Services, Hospitality (Hotel and Catering Management), BEng (Hons): Electronics with Business Studies, Engineering with Management.
BA: Business Information



Casting to a fish under an overhanging bank, a likely lie on a hot summer's day. Knowing where to look and what to look for is central to the search for trout in August

Breaking the midday blank in high summer

Reading the river is of greater importance at this time of year than at any other. **Brian Clarke** reports

High-summer days when the sun burns down and when white clouds float like disembodied thoughts bring the most testing challenge of the fly fisher's year. Water temperatures are at their highest, fly hatches are at their latest and most trout are lying doggo until dusk.

In August, it can take a great deal of walking, a great deal of careful watching, before the river angler who likes to target his fish can wet so much as a wellie. Now, as at no other time of year, success in breaking the midday blank rests largely on an ability to read the river — on knowing how to look, where to look and what to look for.

Flukes apart, a general scanning of the water, an occasional defeatist glance to awkward places, will not do. Only intense and prolonged concentration given to the places most likely to hold trout will reap consistent rewards. It will enable one angler to pick out a tiny ebbing ring or the subliminal silhouette of a nose, when another angler standing beside him has seen nothing.

The secret, as in most else in angling, lies in understanding the priorities of the fish.

All trout want access to the greatest amount of food; they want to expend as little energy as possible in acquiring it, and they need the safety of deep water or a bolt-hole at hand. Where all three come together, trout will be found.

Because there is a pecking order in these affairs, the biggest trout will be found in the place that provides the features it wants in the best balance and the next biggest will be found in the next-best place. If a large fish is caught from a given lie, the next largest will move in and lesser fish in the area will shuttle up. It is the law of the weedy jungle.

The likeliest place to find a fish is one in which the flow of the river is funnelled from a wide area into a thin line or eddy. In such a place, which concentrates the insects on which the trout feeds and that the river carries, a fish can dine as though from a conveyor belt, scarcely needing to move. If there is deep water in this place, and perhaps weed to provide security and trees to provide shade, several fish may be there, including the local corker.

The place where few fish will be found, and those mostly small, is a wide, straight reach where the water is shallow and where there is nothing to vary or concentrate the flow.

The most likely single location to find a trout, all else being equal, is on the outside of a bend. The banks of a river upstream of a bend naturally channel the main flow towards the outside bank and so it is here the most flies and nymphs are carried. Because the greatest weight of water is directed at the outside bank, there also the deepest water will be found; the constantly pushing and rummaging current gouges away at the bottom and eats into the bank. Concentrated food plus deep water, to give security, equals fish.

Conversely, the inside of a bend holds little interest unless the bend is gentle and the flow is heavy. By definition, if most water is being pushed into the outside of a bend, less is being carried around the inside. The reduced flow means less water-borne food and increased deposition of silt. More silt means shallower, and sometimes very shallow, water. Shallow water and relatively little food equals no fish.

The logic of all this does not stop large numbers of anglers spending much time on the inside of bends and on long, straight reaches of shallow water, complaining the while that they are catching nothing and blaming their luck.

There is one other thing about bends that needs to be borne in mind. The bank on the outside of a bend is often undercut because the water erodes it. Fish will find spots of slow water only inches from the side in such places because irregularities in the bank break up the flow; it is in these spots, hidden from view by the overhang above, that even the largest of fish can be found.

The experienced angler will take time to study such undercuts from a distance, before walking towards them; the tyro will blithely move on, scanning idly all about, leaving leviathans unseen at his feet. None of this, of course, is to say that straight stretches of water will not hold fish, even big fish. But trout will only be found in places that meet their needs.

Typically, places where food is concentrated, where the water is deeper and where cover is to hand are along the river margins where irregularities can be seen; around weed beds and sunken logs; on the upstream lips of waterfalls and hatch pools; and immediately in front of any object, like an old piling post or bridge support or rock, that rises from the river bed.

Almost all of these features are more likely to have fish lying in front of them than behind, contrary to what most angling books say. All obstructions have a small area of calm water on their upstream edge, where the current hesitates before being turned aside. Fish can ride these pads of calm water with little expenditure of energy while having a splendid view of all that the current brings; and they do.

The places listed here, and the eddying V-ripples that many of them send downstream, are worth the scrutiny of all who walk the river. Concentration on them, even for the non-angler, can sometimes bring an apparently sleeping river to vivid life.

For the angler in August, when the sun is high and when the white clouds float, before the light starts to ebb and the evening rise begins, they can mean the difference between a blank and a rewarding modest bag.

Gowshalls maintain momentum to reach semi-finals

By David Rhys Jones

AMY Gowshall, 14, the Grimsby schoolgirl who reached the final of the English Women's Bowling Association national triples championship at Leamington last month, qualified for the semi-finals of the English Bowling Federation pairs with her mother, Christine, at Skegness yesterday.

The Gowshalls, skipped by Amy, gained an impressive 20-15 victory over Gillian Chapman and Theresa Heslop, of Hirst Park, Northumberland. Although Christine described her own play as "tripe", she paid tribute not only to her daughter's skill but to her calmness under pressure. "I tend to be a bit impetuous but she calms me down," she said.

Unlike the English Bowling Association's four-bowl version, federation pairs is a two-bowl game that places greater emphasis on the draw shot and offers little reward to attacking players.

The Park Avenue pair opened up a 9-1 lead but the younger Gowshall's qualities were tested to the full when they were caught at 12-12 after 14 ends.

Another mother and daughter combination, Brenda and Lynne Whitehead, of Poringland Swan, Norfolk, overcame Susan Tolliday and Christine Charlton, of Bramble Lane, Wisbech, 27-8 to move into the quarter-finals.

Mansfield Ladies, the holders of the two-bowl rinks title, survived their opening round against Terrington King William, the 1990 champions, who led 7-4 after six ends before Marion Johns, Madeleine Hufton and Norma Wilson scored eight shots on three ends and went on to win 20-16.

☐ Henk van der Arend, the president of the newly formed Dutch bowling association, was not too dismayed at the humiliating 11-0 defeat suffered by Holland against a strong English team at Worthing this week.

"On the contrary," he said. "We expected it and there are very positive things that have come out of our first taste of international play.

"We have learned about communication and had a lesson on how to play bowls competitively."

There are 7,500 bowlers in Holland, most of them apparently attracted to the game after watching it on British television, whose programmes make popular viewing in most Dutch households.

Holland has applied to become affiliated members of the World Bowls Board and it is expected they will be installed in time to take part in the 1996 world championships in Adelaide.

Atkinson predicts European glory for slick United

By Our Sports Staff

RON Atkinson, the Aston Villa manager, is tipping Manchester United to recapture their former glories by winning the European Cup this season.

United were last crowned European champions in 1968, in the days of George Best and Bobby Charlton, but Atkinson is convinced they can repeat the feat with their present side.

United produced a powerful display to beat Villa 2-1 at Villa Park on Monday, Lee Sharpe scoring both their goals. "That was the best United performance I have seen in years," Atkinson said. "They have so much talent and are competitive with it.

"I saw a lot of European football last year and, on the evidence of that, I wouldn't be surprised if they go all the way to the final. They are certainly better equipped than any other team in the European league last season."

Alex Ferguson, the United manager, feels his side is capable of matching the best in Europe but worries whether the high standards required at home and on the continent can be maintained on so many big occasions.

"In the European Cup alone, there are 12 matches on the way to the final," he said. "Add to that what we play at home and it is a terrific amount of football. Through the managers' association, we are advocating less football and more quality, and the Premiership is committed to being reduced to 20 clubs. But for all that, we still have a chance, especially if we can keep our English players fit."

Paul Ince has been cleared to continue playing for United, and England, after fears that he had fractured a shoulder proved unfounded. Ince, a key member of Graham Taylor's plans for the World Cup qualifier against Poland in a fortnight, was injured during the victory over Villa but insisted on playing to the end.

An x-ray showed there was no break and Jim McGregor, the United physiotherapist, said: "He has severe bruising of the back and thigh but I expect him to play on Saturday."

It guarentees Ferguson selection problems for the match against Southampton, with Eric Cantona ready for his first appearance after injury and World Cup duty. Sharpe looks most at risk.

"It's a very difficult decision," Ferguson said. "I just think that, with Eric, the team is always going to win. He either scores or makes a goal." The situation will become even more difficult once Bryan Robson has completed a two-match suspension.

McGrain undeterred by his former club

By Our Sports Staff

DANNY McGrain, who earned the affection of Celtic's supporters during a 20-year playing career with the club, will be ecstatic if they turn on him tomorrow night.

McGrain, now the manager of Arbroath, the second division club, is aiming to pull off the biggest giant-killing act of this season's league cup competition by beating his former club at Gayfield.

"There is no sentimentality in football," the former Scottish international defender, aged 43, said. "I have a great admiration for the Celtic fans and I hope they have for me — but that goes out of the window tomorrow. I am only interested in Arbroath, and it will be too bad if we win and they are after my blood!"

McGrain, the last Celtic captain to hold aloft the League Cup 11 years ago, added: "It was never my favourite cup and there certainly seems to be a voodoo sign on Celtic. It's hard to believe they haven't won it since 1982. There is a touch of romance about facing Celtic, but given the choice of beating them or getting two points on Saturday, I'd take the points."

Celtic should win with something to spare and Liam Brady, their manager, said: "We're experienced enough to handle it." They are likely to be unchanged for a tie in which the winners face either St Johnstone or Airdrieonians in the quarter-finals.

Airdrie, who knocked Celtic out of the competition two years ago, travel to Perth, relying on the skills of Peter Davenport to help them defeat the premier division side.

The former Nottingham Forest, Manchester United and Middlesbrough striker has scored three goals in his first three league games and another in the league cup win over Cowdenbeath.

St Johnstone are without their Icelandic striker, Gunni Torfason, who broke his wrist and two bones in his fingers against Dundee United on Saturday. Davie Irons is also out after a recurrence of Achilles tendon trouble.

Henry Smith, the Heart of Midlothian goalkeeper who badly bruised a jaw on Saturday, should be fit to face Falkirk at Tynecastle. But Neil Berry and Peter van de Ven are injured and the new signing, Jim Weir, is cup-tied, opening the door for a return by Graeme Hogg after a four-game ban.

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FOOTBALL

WORLD UNDER-17 CHAMPIONSHIPS (in Japan). Group A: Ghana 4, Mexico 1; Japan 0, Italy 0. Group B: Australia 5, Canada 0; Nigeria 4, Argentina 0. Group C: Colombia 2, United States 1; Czech/Slovak Republics 2, Qatar 0. Group D: Chile 2, Tunisia 0; Poland 2, China 0.

Late results on Monday

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Aston Villa 1, Manchester United 2.

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Kidderminster 0, Kettering 2.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Chelmsford 0, Atherstone 0, Hednesford 3, Corby 1.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Emley 2, Hyde 2. First division: Caernarfon 1, Great Harwood 4, Workington 2, Eastwood 2.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Stevenage Borough 2, Dulwich Hamlet 0; Wivenhoe 0, Aylesbury 4. First division: Croydon 2, Chesham Sl Peter 2, Ruislip Manor 2, Worthing 1. Third division: Tring 0, Royston 0.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Taunton 1, Chippenham 1.

CARLING NORTH-WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Rossendale 1, Newcastle Town 3.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION. First division: Chelsea 1, Norwich 1; Millwall 0, Southampton 1.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Detroit 9, Oakland 0; Texas 13, Baltimore 6; Cleveland 9, Toronto 8; New York 6, Chicago 5; Minnesota 3, Kansas City 2 (10 innings).

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Montreal 1, Chicago 0; Colorado 3, Philadelphia 2 (13 inns); Cincinnati 6, New York 2; San Diego 7, St Louis 5; Los Angeles 6, Pittsburgh 1; Atlanta 5, San Francisco 3.

BOWLS

SKEGNESS: English Bowling Federation national championships: Mens: Pairs: First round: W Jackson and A Hall bt W Taylor and D Clamp, 25-9; S Hutchinson and W Houghton bt A Robins and S Hill, 20-14; P Crisp and J Brooks bt M Spriggs and A Axtes, 18-13; I Bradbury and S Short bt G Bland and J Morrison, 20-17. Quarter-finals: N Deacon and G Allan bt J Bell and K Durkin, 16-15. Two-bowl rinks: Quarter-finals: Bletchley, Notts bt Sherringham Mill Farm, 20-16. Women: Two-bowl singles: First round: F Graham bt M Birts, 21-13; L Palmo bt I Thomas, 21-20; N Robinson bt J Hill, 21-20; J Duffy bt M Faux, 21-19; V Swann bt C Smith, 21-11. Four-bowls singles: First round: S Dawson bt V Wright, 21-13; P Allan bt I Walton, 21-1; P Thompson bt A Parker, 21-15; P Oliver bt J Batterman 21-17; B Gozzett bt N Cook, 21-13. Pairs: First round: E Crook and P Mather bt J Collin and M Tibbie, 20-15; M Stark and A Harrison bt J Anderson and A Halsey, 16-15; L and B Whitehead bt S Tolladay and C Charlton 27-8; D Cooper and B Perkins bt M Fern and B Thorpe, 20-16. Quarter-finals: C and A Goudard bt G Chapman and T Heslop, 20-15. Two-bowl rinks: Quarter-finals: Mansfield Ladies bt Terrington William, 20-16. Mixed: Pairs: Quarter-finals: R and V Portasman bt M and B Power, 17-13.

WORTHING: International match. England bt Holland, 11-0 (English names first). Singles: B Morley bt R Hiemstra, 21-18; G Smith bt H Westendorp, 21-6; W Richards bt J van Setten, 21-8; A J Wills bt L van Gestel, 21-4; D J Cutler bt J Hoogenboom, 21-9; J Mills bt K Frost, 21-2. Pairs: Wills and Cutler bt A Landmeter and Westendorp, 42-12; Morley and Richards bt van Gestel and H van der Arend, 48-6; Smith and Mills bt van Setten and Hiemstra, 34-8. Triples: Wills, Smith and Cutler bt Frost, Landmeter and Westendorp, 32-12; Morley, Mills and Richards bt van Setten, Hoogenboom and Hiemstra, 29-11.

EQUESTRIANISM

WESTON PARK, Shropshire: Pony Club dressage championships: 1, Southwold Mark, 907. 2, South Berks, 895; 3, Grove, 893; 4, Erridge, 885; 5, Heyshrop, 882; 6, Dulverton West, 873.

HOCKEY

POZNAN, Poland: Mens Inter-Continental Cup: Group A: Canada 1, Ireland 0; Spain 1, Malaysia 0. Standings: 1, Spain, 6pts, 2, South Korea, 6, 3, Malaysia, 4 (Spain and South Korea qualify for World Cup). Group B: Argentina 1, Poland 0. Standings: 1, India, played 3, 5pts; 2, Argentina, 4, 5, 3, Belgium, 3, 4.

GLIDING

BIDFORD ON AVON, Warwickshire: British junior national championships: Second day (provisional results; 310km quad. S Cormey, Chalgrove, Newport Pagnell; 15 completions of 35), 1, S Jones (Decus), 108.1kph, 648pts; 2, R Toon (ASW20), 99.3, 614; 3, M Miller-Smith (Decus), 97.7, 608; 4, D Franos (Decus), 97.3, 606; 5, S Housden (ASW19), 95.1, 598; 6, K Hodgson (Discus), 84.6, 599; 7, L Withall (ASW15), 91.6, 585; 8, D Allison (Cirrus), 91, 582; 9, H Rebbeck (LS4), 87.5, 569; 10, S Adlard (LS4), 85.5, 561. Overall: 1, Housden, 1,486pts; 2, Hodgson, 1,423; 3, Allison, 1,402; 4, Rebbeck, 1,373; 5, S Harland (ASW19), 1,357; 6, S Wardle (Discus), 1,347; 7, S France (Nimbus 2), 1,299; 8, Withall, 1,137; 9, O Ward (Discus), 1,095; 10, S Jones, 1,088.

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: First division: Reading 64, Bradford 44; Wolverhampton 62, King's Lynn 46. Second division: Exeter 43, Newcastle 65.

SQUASH

HONG KONG: Open tournament: First round: Jansher Khan (Pak) bt Faheem Khan (HK), 15-11, 7-15, 15-10, 15-12; A Schroiber (Aus) bt D Harris (Eng), 15-6, 12-15, 15-12, 9-15, 15-14; T Nancarrow (Aus) bt S Meads (Eng), 15-9, 11-15, 15-6, 18-6; G Wilson (NZ) bt J Bonafait (Fr), 15-11, 15-13, 5-15, 15-10; R Eyles (Aus) bt P Nicol (Scot), 15-7, 15-7, 10-15, 15-12; R Martin (Aus) bt C van der Walt (SA) 15-1, 15-13, 15-8; M Carlyon (Aus) bt D Shorpin (NZ), 15-10, 15-7, 15-2; D Maddings (Eng) bt Zubair J Khan (Pak), 8-15, 15-9, 17-14, 15-8.

TENNIS

COMMACK, New York: Men's tournament: First round: C-U Steeb (Ger) bt D Prinosil (Ger), 6-4, 7-5; A Chesnokov (Russ) bt G Pozzi (It), 6-2, 6-1; Y Kafelnikov (Russ) bt T Carbonell (Sp), 7-6, 6-4; A Volkov (Russ) bt R Weiss (US), 6-4, 6-4; S Bruguera (Sp) bt A O'Brien (US), 6-2, 6-3; G Ivanisevic (Cro) bt M Gölmor (Ger), 7-6, 6-3; P McEnroe (US) bt A Corretja (Sp), 6-1, ret. SCHENECTADY, New York: Men: First round: M Pernfors (Swe) bt S Simon (Fr), 3-6, 7-6, 7-5; P Haarhuis (Hol) bt D Nargiso (It), 6-3, 6-2; J Renzenbrink (Ger) bt J Elingh (Hol), 6-4, 6-4; T Enqvist (Swe) bt D Rostagno (US), 6-3, 6-0; F Clavet (Sp) bt R Gilbert (Fr), 1-6, 7-6, 6-1; B Steven (NZ) bt A Manodori (Ice), 5-7, 3-1, ret. Women: First round: Shi-ting Wang (Taipei) bt R Zrubakova (Cz), 7-6, 6-1; P Paradis-Mangon (Fr) bt B Schultz (Hol), 7-5, 6-0; L Meskhi (Geo) bt P Hy (Can), 7-5, 6-2; E Reinach (SA) bt S Rottier (Hol), 6-1, 6-0; M Babel (Ger) bt A Fusai (Fr), 7-5, 6-0; M Werdel (US) bt B Rittner (Ger), 6-3, 3-6, 6-1; N Medvedeva (Ukr) bt F Labat (Arg), 4-6, 6-3, 6-2.

UMAG, Croatia: Men's tournament: First round: M Gustafsson (Swe0 bt M Gomz (Sp), 6-2, 7-5; C Dosedel (Cz) bt S Cortes (Chile), 4-6, 6-1, 7-5; A Mancini (Arg) bt D Buljovic (Cro), 6-4, 6-2; C Mezzadri (Switz) bt A Mancebo (Sp), 2-6, 7-6, 6-0.

YACHTING

ROYAL CANADIAN YC, TORONTO: International 14 world team championships: Final placings: 1, Great Britain A (I Walker and C Fox, J Pudney and J Hill, A Harrop and N Edmonds, J Hodgart and R Bridge); 2, Europeans; 3, Great Britain B, 4, Canada, 5, Japan.

PELPHAM: Topper national championships: Third race: 1, C Henderson (Sutton); 2, S Cleland (Nelson Centre); 3, S Keen (Hamo Bay), 4, T Wills (Grotham); 5, J Deal (Chew Valley); 6, D Walker (Chew Valley). PWLLHELI: Firefly national championships: Felixstowe ferry trophy: Third race: 1, S Tylecote and E Gage (Spinnaker); 2, M Barnes and E Freeman (Spinnaker); 3, S Spotton and A Williamson (Castaways).

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

FA Carling Premiership

Chelsea v QPR (7.45) .....
Liverpool v Tottenham (7.45) .....
Newcastle v Everton (7.45) .....
Norwich v Ipswich (7.45, all ticket) .....
Southampton v Swindon (7.30, all ticket) .....
West Ham v Sheffield Wed (7.45) .....

Endsleigh Insurance League First division

Wolverhampton v Millwall .....

Coca-Cola Cup First round, second leg

Bradford v Darlington .....
Brighton v Gillingham (7.45) .....
Burnley v Preston .....
Exeter v Walsall (7.45) .....
West Brom v Bristol Rovers (7.45) .....

Scottish League Cup Third round

Arbroath v Celtic .....
Hearts v Falkirk .....
St Johnstone v Airdrie .....

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Chesham v Yeading, Molesey v Grays. First division: Bognor Regis v Watton and Hemham. Second division: Prenham v Leatherhead. Third division: Oxford City v Harlow.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Midland division: Clevedon v Redditch, Dudley v Hinckley Town, Evesham v Leicester Utd; VS Rugby v Yate. Southern division: Sudbury v Braintree, Fareham v Poole, Tonbridge v Salisbury, Wealdstone v Canterbury, Weymouth v Witney.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Crediton v Bideford, Cwd Down v Calne, Tiverton v Frome; Torrington v Saltash.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Accrington Stanley v Morecambe, Bishop Auckland v Whitley Bay (7.0), Boston v Frickley; Prestington v Gateshorough. First division: Alfreton v Congleton, Lancaster v Gretna, Warrington v Ashton.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Winterton v Sheffield.

CARLING NORTH-WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Darwen v Maine Road, Kidsgrove v Bacup; Nantwich v Chadderton, Penrith v Atherton LR.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE (7.0 unless stated): First division: Blackburn v Sheffield Utd, Coventry v Wolverhampton; Leeds v Derby; Notts Forest v Leicester; Sunderland v York. Second division: Blackpool v Grimsby; Hull v Barnsley; Middlesbrough v Huddersfield; Rotherham v Scunthorpe; Tranmere v Oldham.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Arsenal v Swindon (7.0), Bristol City v Watford, Charlton v Wimbledon, Crystal Palace v Oxford Utd, Ipswich v Portsmouth; Luton v Queens Park Rangers (2.0). League Cup: Birmingham v Cardiff (7.0), Bournemouth v Exeter (2.0), Cheltenham v Hereford, Plymouth v Torquay.

ABACUS WELSH LEAGUE: First division: Aberganvenny v Brecon; AFC Porth v Bloomfondda, Bridgend v Caerau, Caldicot v Caerleon, Ferndale v Pontypridd, Llanwern v Aberaman, Morriston v Port Talbot, Pembroke v Ammanford.

SOUTH-EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Second division: Southampton v Bristol City.

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Cobh Ramblers v Limerick (6.30), Galway Utd v Cork City (6.0); St Patrick's Athletic v Bohemians (6.30); Shelbourne v Shamrock Rovers (7.45).

CRICKET

MCC TROPHY: Final: Lord's: Staffordshire v Wiltshire (11.0).

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of three): Derby: Derbyshire v Middlesex, Bristol: Gloucestershire v Nottinghamshire, Southampton: Hampshire v Essex, Folkestone: Kent v Yorkshire, Kibworth: Leicestershire v Northamptonshire; Taunton: Somerset v Glamorgan; Eastbourne: Sussex v Lancashire, Worcester: Worcestershire v Warwickshire.

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: EBF national championships (Skeghoss).

SPEEDWAY: First division: Poole v Reading (7.30). Second division: Long Eaton v Sheffield (7.30).

Krabbe considers appeal to courts

By John Goodbody

KATRIN Krabbe, the 1991 world 100 and 200 metres champion, and her fellow athletes, Grit Breuer and Manuela Derr, are considering appealing to the German courts to lift their new two-year suspensions imposed by the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF).

The sport's authorities again face being challenged in the civil courts by competitors who may suffer loss of earnings if they are banned from competition. Unless sports bodies ensure their regulations are legally watertight in every country, they will increasingly have to face expensive litigation, such as that involving Harry "Butch" Reynolds, the world 400 metres record-holder, in the United States.

The German trio received a 12-month suspension for taking clenbuterol after the DLV (German Athletic Federation) felt unable to enforce a minimum four-year ban imposed by the IAAF because it feared that the German courts would judge the suspension too long for athletes earning money. The trio have had their bans extended for a further two years for "unsportsmanlike behaviour".

Arne Ljungqvist, the IAAF medical commission president, accepted that the trio might resort to the civil courts to oppose the ban. However, he added that the council believed that "people involved in this kind of matter should be seriously punished".

In July 1992, Krabbe, Breuer and Derr gave urine samples which they admit contained clenbuterol. The three sprinters say they were suffering from asthma. Clenbuterol is licensed in Germany, although not in Britain, for treatment of the condition.

The drug is known as "doper's delight" because it is both a stimulant and an anabolic agent in animals and may help a competitor recover quickly from intensive training.

It is the drug taken by Andrew Saxton and Andrew Davies, the two British weightlifters sent home from the 1992 Olympic Games. They say they took it for chest conditions. Unlike the German sprinters and Reynolds, they make no money from sport. In fact, it costs them thousands of pounds a year to compete.

They have been granted legal aid to take the British Olympic Association to court. They wish to clear their names and will argue that clenbuterol was not a banned substance when they took the drug. The result of both cases will have widespread repercussions in the fight against drug abuse.

The DLV wants the IAAF arbitration panel to rule on the latest case involving Krabbe. The panel will rule on the case of John Ngugi, who in February declined to give a urine sample to IAAF officials, when they visited the five-times world cross-country champion at home in Kenya.

In June 1992, Krabbe, Breuer and another former East German athlete, Silke Moller, successfully appealed against a four-year suspension for allegedly manipulating urine samples because of a legal technicality. The DLV had not written a full drug-testing protocol into its regulations.

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Arab activity at Deauville offers hope to home breeders

Maktoums return to ring

By Julian Muscat

THE Maktoum family has returned to the public auction circuit with a vengeance following their uncharacteristic, low-profile buying policy at last month's Keeneland yearling sales in Kentucky.

British breeders will take heart that the Dubai brothers purchased 17 horses for an outlay of Fr13.3 million (£1.6 million) at Deauville's ongoing yearling sale.

That Maktoum Al-Maktoum and Shaikh Mohammed attended the sale in person will encourage British breeders, who will offer their stock for sale at Tattersalls next month.

Last year the shaikhs withdrew from Newmarket's showpiece sale, where they have traditionally been very active, and domestic breeders were left licking their financial wounds as prices plummeted.

"We gave an assurance to breeders who sell at Tattersalls that we would support the sale this year and, unless things change, we will certainly be doing that," Michael Goodbody, manager of Shaikh Maktoum's Gainsborough Stud, said yesterday.

Subdued buying at Keeneland, allied to advanced speculation that they intended to boycott the sale altogether, prompted fears of a Maktoum withdrawal from the auction ring.

Hence the importance to British breeders of their presence at Deauville. Twelve months ago it would have been inconceivable that Shaikh Maktoum would buy as many horses in Deauville as at Keeneland, the world's most prestigious yearling venue. But eight Keeneland graduates have been followed by a further seven this week; five of them costing upwards of one million francs each.

No reason for last year's Newmarket absence was publicly offered, and Goodbody said he, too, was unaware of any specific motive behind it. However, the punitive VAT rate in Britain, at 17.5 per cent, was probably upper-most in their minds. The former Chancellor of the Exchequer, Norman Lamont, subsequently allowed racehorse owners to recover their VAT costs, and if the Maktoum's return to Tattersalls, as suggested by Goodbody, Lamont would be assured of a standing ovation were he to visit the sales. Breeders, whose livelihoods depend on profitable sales, have almost single-handedly relied on the brothers' love of horses for their profit in the last decade. Much is made of likely Maktoum involvement in advance of major sales, but Goodbody put all such analyses into perspective.

"People start talking about boycotts, but that is absolute rubbish," he said. "The fact is the Maktoums are very important people in Dubai (they are the ruling family) and visits abroad are obviously restricted by their business interests at home.

"If they attend sales themselves," he continued, "they do take much more interest. It's only natural: they are so enthusiastic about racing. Now, of course, they have a terrific number of home-breds, so the buying of yearlings has to be rationalised. This year Shaikh Maktoum has a lot of fillies among over 100 home-breds, so we have been concentrating on buying colts."

Quite how active the Maktoums will be at Newmarket remains to be seen. Goodbody cited Deauville's attractive catalogue as the principal reason for Gainsborough Stud's increased spending at the Normandy coastal resort.

Much will depend on the strength of the Tattersalls catalogue. The Houghton sales catalogue was published yesterday and, according to Tattersalls' director, Andrew Howland, reflects the efforts of British breeders to offer attractive yearlings for auction.

Breeders will certainly have welcomed evidence of the Maktoums' continuing enthusiasm for the market place.



Shaikh Mohammed and John Leat, a business advisor, compare notes at the sales

Darley ends losing sequence

KEVIN Darley, in pursuit of a first jockeys' title, broke his longest losing run of the season when winning the last race at Pontefract yesterday.

Darley, who had gone 28 rides without a winner, came with a perfectly-timed challenge on Pride Of Pendle to win the Timeform Perspective and Race Ratings Handicap by a head from Mutakallam.

He is now 12 behind Pat Eddery, who drew a blank at Brighton yesterday.

Pride Of Pendle's trainer, Peter Calver, plans to run the filly, who has won five times this season, again at Ripon on Monday. "The filly will carry her penalty in the Ripon Rowels and obviously I hope Kevin is available to ride again," he said.

"She's some hardy performer and, although she continues to improve, I told her owner, Bill Imison, in the paddock that she would need to produce the performance of her life to win again today.

"The secret of her improvement is quite simply Kevin Darley. We were having her ridden wrongly until Kevin won on the filly here in June after holding her up for a late run. He told me she reminded him of the filly's sire, Grey Desire, on whom he had a fine record, and that she should be ridden the same way."

☐ The British Horseracing Board is initiating immediate further discussions with RAM Racecourses about the detailed allocation of the fixtures at Wolverhampton and Southwell, including floodlit evening meetings at Wolverhampton outside the normal evening racing season. These were not included in the 1994 fixture list published earlier this month.

☐ Zoman, trained to win more than £600,000 by Paul Cole, has been retired to stud. After four seasons of top-class competition, Fahd Salman's six-year-old is to take up stallion duties at the National Stud in Newmarket next year.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: KELIMUTU
(5.10 Brighton)

Next best: Major Success
(2.10 Brighton)

REDCAR

THUNDERER
1.50 Carrolls Marc. 2.20 Spanish Verdict. 2.50 Suris. 3.20 Shirley Rose. 3.50 Mondragon. 4.20 Eleuthera. 4.50 AMAZING FEAT (nap).

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.50 SURIS (nap). 3.50 Side Bar. 4.20 Eleuthera.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

1.50 RUNSWICK BAY SELLING HANDICAP
(£2,070: 1m 6f 19yd) (16 runners)

1 6046 CARROLLS MARC 9 (B) P Haslam 5-10-0 ... R Cochrane 3
2 6031 REACH FOR GLORY 6 (F,G) R Whitaker 4-9-9 (5ex) A Culhane 16
3 3541 FAMOUS BEAUTY 7 (F,G,S) R Hollinshead 6-9-9 (5ex) L Aspell (7) 11
4 3345 ANAR 7 (B,F) S Norton 4-9-4 ... D Pears (3) 12
5 0-05 ALIZARI 13 J Mooney 4-9-1 ... R P Elliott 5
6 /544 A GENTLEMAN TWO 35 (G) J Eyre 7-8-12 ... J Fortune 9
7 5004 EVERSO IRISH 18J P Evans 4-8-12 ... L Dettori 8
8 -040 FREE TRANSFER 4 G Moore 4-8-8 ... J Fanning 10
9 35-0 QUEENS TOUR 81J (G,S) T Kersey 8-8-8 ... S Webster 4
10 3444 GREY COMMANDER 49 (G) M Brittain 5-8-3 ... A Mackay 6
11 4640 MEDIA STAR 22 (C,F,G) T Kersey 8-8-3 ... Alex Greaves 7
12 6422 MR ABBOT 11 Mrs M Reveley 3-8-3 ... J Lowe 15
13 503P HYDROPIC 7 D Chapman 6-8-1 ... S Wood 2
14 0/4- FILM LIGHTING GIRL 225J J Harris 7-8-0 Darren Moffatt (5) 13
15 4045 NANCY 15 (B) C W Elsey 3-7-13 ... T Williams 1
16 3044 BAJAN AFFAIR 22 Miss L Siddall 3-7-12 ... D Harrison (3) 14

3-1 Reach For Glory, 7-2 Famous Beauty, 4-1 Mr Abbot, 7-1 A Gentleman Two, Everso Irish, 10-1 Anar, Carrolls Marc, 14-1 Grey Commander, 16-1 others.

2.20 FURNITURE FACTORS RACING SCHOOLS APPRENTICE STAKES (£2,898: 1m) (6)

1 5120 SPANISH VERDICT 11 (C,D,F,S) Denys Smith 6-9-0 C Teague (4) 2
2 6111 TALENTED TING 9 (V,C,D,F,G) P Haslam 4-9-0 ... J Weaver 5
3 1442 CRESELLY 6 (C,D,F,G,S) R Allan 6-8-9 ... I Jardine (8) 6
4 -005 THROW AWAY LINE 18 R Barr 4-8-9 ... S Copp (4) 3
5 3112 DANCING DOMINO 28 (D,BF,F,G,S) M H Easterby 3-8-8 S Maloney 1
6 5635 HERSHEBAR 11 (B,G) S Bowring 3-8-8 ... G Strange (4) 4

13-8 Talented Ting, 5-2 Spanish Verdict, 100-30 Dancing Domino, 6-1 others.

2.50 ANDERSONS STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,289: 7f) (9)

1 6000 BANDON CASTLE 4 (F) B Rothwell 9-2 ... D Harrison (3) 9
2 31 SURIS 15 (F) L Cumani 9-0 ... R Cochrane 1
3 154 DUBECK BLUE 32 (D,F) E Weymes 8-11 ... W Ryan 4
4 ASKERN J Hanson 8-10 ... E Johnson 5
5 GOLDEN HELLO M H Easterby 8-10 ... M Birch 8
6 1 PAVAKA 32 (V,D,G) D Loder 8-10 ... L Dettori 7
7 LADY GWEN J J O'Neill 8-5 ... Dale Gibson 6
8 22 NIGHT SNOW 42 (BF) M Bell 8-5 ... M Fenton (3) 2
9 142 PLAINSONG 25 (G) Denys Smith 8-5 ... K Fallon 3

9-4 Suris, 11-4 Pavaka, 9-2 Night Snow, 5-1 Plainsong, 7-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Bell, 7 winners from 25 runners, 28.0%; L Cumani, 17 from 64, 26.6%; J Hills, 11 from 43, 25.6%; B Hills, 7 from 34, 20.6%; M Prescott, 8 from 39, 20.5%; M Stoute, 6 from 33, 18.2%.

JOCKEYS: D Harrison, 4 winners from 15 rides, 26.7%; Darren Moffatt, 6 from 24, 25.0%; Paul Eddery, 14 from 68, 20.6%; L Dettori, 15 from 73, 20.5%; W Ryan, 19 from 95, 20.0%; R Cochrane, 10 from 50, 20.0%.

3.20 MULGRAVE STAKES (£3,080: 1m 2f) (8)

1 044- MARADONNA 351 L Cumani 4-9-7 ... R Cochrane 4
2 32-5 DONIA 19 (BF) M Prescott 4-9-2 ... A Munro 8
3 2030 BLUE GROTTO 14 (B) J Watts 3-8-13 ... N Connorton 6
4 0104 DUVEEN 4 (D,BF,F,G,S) M Bell 3-8-13 ... M Fenton (3) 1
5 5243 I'M A DREAMER 14 (CD,F,G) W Haigh 3-8-13 ... Dale Gibson 3
6 3130 SCORCHED AIR 27 (F) J Hills 3-8-8 ... B Doyle (3) 2
7 1121 SHIRLEY ROSE 9 (D,F,G) M Johnston 3-8-8 ... L Dettori 5
8 -140 SUNTARA 20 (F) B Hills 3-8-8 ... W Ryan 7

4-5 Shirley Rose, 5-1 Maradonna, 7-1 Duveen, 3-1 Scorched Air, Suntara, 10-1 I'm A Dreamer, 14-1 Donia, 20-1 Blue Grotto.

3.50 YORKSHIRE TELEVISION HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,080: 1m 5f 135yd) (14)

1 5212 MONDRAGON 22 (BF,F) Mrs M Reveley 9-7 ... J Lowe 8
2 3433 POINT THE WAY 12 M Stoute 9-5 ... J Tate (5) 2
3 0312 MONSIEUR DUPONT 20 (D,BF,G) B Hills 9-4 ... D Harrison (3) 7
4 2053 DUPLICATE 11 (G) M H Easterby 9-1 ... M Birch 9
5 2253 GIORDANO 12 P Evans 9-1 ... L Dettori 6
6 1431 SO SAUCY 20 (C,F,S) B Meehan 8-13 ... B Doyle (3) 4
7 000 RUN TO AU BON 68 L Cumani 8-13 ... R Cochrane 12
8 3011 HO-JOE 28 (D,F) J Carr 8-10 ... K Fallon 1
9 1500 PUGET DANCER 12 (V,G) M Bell 8-7 ... M Fenton (3) 5
10 0050 KAHLO 14 M W Easterby 8-5 ... J Carroll 14
11 5382 ARC BRIGHT 7 (B) R Hollinshead 8-4 ... S Perks 13
12 3162 MILNGAVIE 18 (F,S) M Johnston 8-1 ... T Williams 3
13 0451 SIDE BAR 22 (B,D,F) M Ryan 7-11 ... A Tucker 11
14 0551 POETIC FORM 12 (B,D,G) C Weedon 7-7 ... Dale Gibson 10

3-1 So Saucy, 5-1 Mondragon, Monsieur Dupont, 6-1 Point The Way, 8-1 Ho-Joe, 10-1 Milngavie, Poetic Form, 12-1 Arc Bright, 16-1 others.

4.20 WESTERDALE MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,872: 5f) (8)

1 2 CHASTIZE 54 R Hollinshead 9-0 ... W Ryan 7
2 450 BOLD TIME MONKEY 40 J Berry 8-9 ... J Carroll 5
3 3 ELEUTHERA 93 (BF) D Loder 8-9 ... L Dettori 8
4 IT MUST BE MILLIE G Eden 8-9 ... Dale Gibson 4
5 MARY HINGE Mrs J Cecil 8-9 ... Paul Eddery 6
6 NEVER SO TRUE P Haslam 8-9 ... J Weaver 1
7 3 PASTURES NEW 7 B Rothwell 8-9 ... S Wood 2
8 0640 SHARP SUMMIT 4 B Rothwell 8-9 ... D Harrison (3) 3

2-1 Eleuthera, 11-4 Chastize, 9-2 Pastures New, 5-1 Mary Hinge, 10-1 Bold Time Monkey, Never So True, 16-1 It Must Be Millie, 20-1 Sharp Summit.

4.50 WHITBY HANDICAP (£5,300: 7f) (13)

1 1/0 BANDMASTER 91 (D,F,G) Mrs J Cecil 4-10-0 ... Paul Eddery 6
2 0230 BEWARE OF AGENTS 11 (D,F,S) M Johnston 4-9-13 R P Elliott 11
3 0020 PARLIAMENT PIECE 30 (D,BF,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 7-9-10 W Ryan 1
4 0606 AMAZING FEAT 18 (CD,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-9 R Cochrane 4
5 2100 DENSBEN 8 (C,F,G,S) Denys Smith 9-8-7 ... K Fallon 12
6 0030 EURO FESTIVAL 4 (D,F,G) Miss L Siddall 4-9-5 D Harrison (3) 13
7 6565 NOYAN 32 (V,D,F,G) M Bell 3-9-4 ... M Fenton (3) 5
8 1113 LAUREL QUEEN 9 (D,F,G,S) J Berry 5-8-13 ... J Carroll 9
9 5414 OK BERTIE 16 (D,G) R Fahey 3-8-9 ... M Birch 2
10 6203 SAVAHRA SOUND 13 (D,F,G,S) S Bowring 8-8-8 S Webster 8
11 3314 NORTH ARDAR 15 (D,BF,F,G) M Johnston 3-7-11 T Williams 3
12 2365 CELESTINE 18 (V,D,F,G,S) T Fairhurst 4-7-8 ... J Fanning 7
13 0000 GANT BLEU 7 (CD,F,G,S) R Whitaker 6-7-7 ... Dale Gibson 10

7-2 Laurel Queen, 4-1 Amazing Feat, 5-1 Beware Of Agents, 6-1 Noyan, OK Bertie, 7-1 Densben, 10-1 Savahra Sound, 12-1 North Ardar, 16-1 others.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Brighton: 2.10 Tutu Sixtysix, Ready-Freddie. 2.40 Hoodlum, Indian Castle, Lucky Helen. 3.10 Delay No More. 4.40 Eastern Charly. Redcar: 3.50 Arc Bright.

Britain's team goes into lower gear for road race

From Peter Bryan
in Oslo

ONE training lap of the opening event of the world road cycling championships, the 100km team time trial, was enough to prompt the Britain squad to ask its mechanic, Sandy Gilchrist, to lower its gears.

The title trial is over two laps of an out-and-back route mainly on the E18 motorway south west from the centre of Oslo to the turning point just beyond Asker.

A climb of some six kilometres could break the pedalling rhythm of all but the best drilled teams as it rises to 450 feet, and using the right gear will be important, especially on the second ascent.

At the summit, the teams make a U-turn with a few minutes to get their breath back on the descent and if necessary re-form in to line astern order, with each rider taking his share of the pace setting.

Chris Boardman, the Olympic pursuit champion, makes his farewell to amateur racing in the event; he joins Gan, the French professional team, at the end of the month.

For the first time, Britain has named its quartet from one club, the North Wirral-Kodak, winners of the national team time trial with a record time of 2hr 0min 02sec on a demanding course near Grimsby.

Boardman reckons that that performance merited a medal at international level. Riding with him are Paul Jennings, Peter Longbottom and Simon Lillistone.

Doug Dailey, the national coach, described the course as tough at its worst point and undulating for much of the remainder. After one kilometre, riders enter the Oslo Tunnel, 130 feet below sea level and two kilometres long. Dailey believes that Britain, eleventh in the last world championship event in 1991, has an outside chance of taking the bronze medal.

The British team starts No 13 in an entry of 22 nations in which France, Italy and Germany are seeded to be the last three teams to be dispatched based on the finishing order at Barcelona.

BRIGHTON

THUNDERER

2.10 Major Success	3.40 Lookingforarainbow
2.40 Forest Loch	4.10 Desert Nomad
	4.40 Ler Cru
3.10 Fanfold	5.10 Kelimutu

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.10 **MAJOR SUCCESS**.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (FIRM IN PLACES) SIS
DRAW: 5F 59YD - 7F 214YD, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.10 NEWHAVEN NURSERY HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £2,950: 5f 59yd) (10 runners)

1 (4) 353111 MAJOR SUCCESS 9 (F,G) (W Gredley) B Hills 9-12 (6ex) ... D Holland [top]
2 (2) 0421 LAUNE 22 (CD,F) (Lord Howard de Walden) Mrs J Cecil 9-7 ... B Raymond 88
3 (1) 215205 ANTONIA'S FOLLY 27 (D,S) (C Deuters) J Berry 9-5 ... T Quinn 85
4 (8) 1100 TUTU SIXTYSIX 25 (B,CD,F,G) (Mrs A Gover) R Boss 9-3 ... G Duffield 84
5 (5) 6002 VEDO NUDO 14 (Gerecon Italia) J Dunlop 9-1 ... M Hills 80
6 (10) 0330 SUN CHIEF 16 (E Reitel) B Curley 8-10 ... N Day 87
7 (9) 545320 COLNE VALLEY 29 (B) (C Sumner) R Johnson Houghton 8-9 ... J Reid 88
8 (3) 35635 READY-FREDDIE 12 (B) (E Goody) W G M Turner 8-1 ... D Wright (5) 93
9 (7) 565120 CHARISMA GIRL 5 (CD,F) (Clear Height Racing) S Dow 7-13 ... N Adams 94
10 (6) 2050 PETRATHENE 20 (B) (Miss E Colver) J Jenkins 7-7 ... T Wilson 90

Long handicap: Petrathene 7-6

BETTING: 7-4 Major Success, 4-1 Laune, 6-1 Vedo Nudo, 7-1 Colne Valley, 8-1 Charisma Girl, 10-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

MAJOR SUCCESS beat Darren Boy short-head in nursery at Windsor (6f, good to firm). LAUNE beat Bird Of Time 3l in maiden over course and distance (firm). TUTU SIXTYSIX best recent effort when beating Madame Gregoire 2½l in conditions race over course and distance (good). VEDO NUDO 4l 2nd to Dollar Gamble in maiden auction at Sandown (5f, good to firm). READY-FREDDIE 6l 4th to Floating Trial in seller at Southwell (AW, 5f).
Selection: MAJOR SUCCESS

2.40 SEAGULLS SELLING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,070: 6f 209yd) (16 runners)

1 (8) 303016 FLAIR LADY 28 (F) (Mrs M Taversham) W G M Turner 8-11 ... T Sprake 73
2 (7) 540201 FOREVER BLUSHING 8 (D,F) (Miss M Bryant) P Butler 8-11 ... S Drowne (7) 82
3 (1) 630403 HENRY'S LUCK 1 (T Langley) M Channon 8-11 ... R Painter (7) 93
4 (14) 00 HOODLUM 19 (V) (Mrs J Lewis) D Thom 8-11 ... G Duffield 82
5 (3) 0000 INDIAN CASTLE 49 (B) (NTC (Racing) Ltd) B Meehan 8-11 ... S Whitworth 75
6 (15) 05 KINGSCOURT JOHN-A 12 (R Jess) J Moore 8-11 ... N Adams 69
7 (12) 00 MAJOR ROWAN 12 (T Burrage) M Madgwick 8-11 ... C Avery 61
8 (2) 0 SEA SPOUSE 43 (Seven Seas Racing) M Blanshard 8-11 ... J Quinn –
9 (10) 30356 STARSPORT 19 (B) (Express Newspapers Plc) J Berry 8-11 ... T Quinn 87
10 (16) 43 TSWANA 47 (Mrs A Campion) M Campion 8-11 ... B Raymond 90
11 (5) 0 ESOTERIC 18 (G Gregory) P Mitchell 8-6 ... S O'Gorman –
12 (4) 00005 EXPRESS LINE 19 (T Kwok) A Jarvis 8-6 ... A Clark 82
13 (11) 055 FOREST LOCH 49 (BF) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-6 ... Antoinette Armes (7) [top]
14 (6) 0 GREEN'S IMPRESSION 8 (BF) (R Green (Fine Paintings)) M Bell 8-6 ... M Hills 82
15 (13) 055006 HUMMINGBIRDPRINCESS 11 (R Kiernan) A Moore 8-6 ... B Rouse 89
16 (9) 000 LUCKY HELEN 14 (V) (Clear Height Racing) S Dow 8-6 ... F Norton –

BETTING: 9-2 Tswana, 5-1 Forest Loch, Green's Impression, 6-1 Henry's Luck, 7-1 Forever Blushing, 8-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

FLAIR LADY beat Ca Ira 1l in seller at Folkestone (6f, good to firm) on penultimate start. FOREVER BLUSHING beat Comeonup short-head in seller at Folkestone (7f, good to firm), with GREEN'S IMPRESSION (3lb better off) 3l 7th. KINGSCOURT JOHN-A about 8l 5th of 11 to Threepenny Bridge in seller at Folkestone (6f, good to firm), with MAJOR ROWAN 4l 8th. TSWANA short-head and neck 3rd of 7 to Dutford Lad in claimer at Warwick (7f, good to firm), with STARSPORT (2lb better off) 2¾l 5th. FOREST LOCH 3½l 5th of 14 to Heathcliff in seller at Newmarket (7f, good to firm), with INDIAN CASTLE 18½l 13th.
Selection: TSWANA

3.10 SADDLESCOMBE CLAIMING STAKES
(Div I: £2,070: 7f 214yd) (10 runners)

1 (1) ARAMON (J Saunders) G Lewis 3-9-1 ... M Payne (7) –
2 (3) 245-050 DODGY 18 (V,D,BF,F,G) (J Redmond) S Dow 6-8-12 ... J Quinn 88
3 (8) 6-00504 CANADIAN CAPERS 11 (F) (P Taplin) M Channon 4-8-7 ... C Rutter 88
4 (4) 0-10225 FANFOLD 5 (C,F) (Mrs J Smith) R Akehurst 3-8-7 ... T Quinn [top]
5 (9) 00-0 DIVINE GLORY 162 (Mrs B Sands) R Voorspuy 4-8-6 ... S Dawson –
6 (5) 00500 TOUT DE VAL 15 (Mrs V Parham) K Bishop 4-8-6 ... T Sprake 73
7 (10) 00520-0 SUNLEY SPARKLE 143 (G) (W Dore) D Gandolfo 5-8-5 ... M Hills 87
8 (2) 00 IVORY HUTCH 5 (F Ivory) R O'Sullivan 3-8-3 ... D Biggs –
9 (6) 000601 SHARP GAZELLE 22 (C,F) (M Pattemore) B Smart 3-8-3 ... Stephen Davies (5) 92
10 (7) 00-0060 DELAY NO MORE 22 (V) (A Wright) P Mitchell 3-7-13 ... S O'Gorman 79

BETTING: 5-4 Fanfold, 4-1 Dodgy, Sharp Gazelle, 11-2 Canadian Capers, 12-1 Sunley Sparkle, 16-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

CANADIAN CAPERS about 3½l 4th to Mulciber in handicap at Lingfield (7f 140yds good). FANFOLD 6½l 5th to Regalsett in claimer at Sandown (1m 1f, good to firm) with IVORY HUTCH (8lb better off) 18½l 9th. Previously ½l 2nd to Formal Affair in claimer at Epsom (1m 114yd, good). SUNLEY SPARKLE 3½l 8th to Falland in selling handicap at Windsor (1m 67yd, good to firm). SHARP GAZELLE beat Halbert ½l in claimer here (7f, firm).
Selection: FANFOLD

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wnrs	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
R Boss	9	29	31.0	G Duffield	21	111	18.9
G Harwood	18	62	29.0	D Holland	9	50	18.0
M Bell	6	23	26.1	T Quinn	36	205	17.6
J Berry	7	27	25.9	M Hills	5	29	17.2
M Prescott	18	73	24.7	J Reid	31	198	15.7
R Akehurst	21	98	21.4	B Raymond	8	55	14.5

3.40 A R DENNIS BOOKMAKERS HANDICAP
(£4,620: 1m 3f 196yd) (13 runners)

1 (7) 341610 BALADIYA 18 (D,G,S) (Mrs R Hawes) D Morris 6-10-0 ... C Hodgson (3) 87
2 (10) 114233 ALLMOSA 7 (D,F,G) (The Duncans Four (II) Two) T Naughton 4-9-12 ... D Holland 88
3 (6) 403135 LOOKINGFORARAINBOW 7 (CD,BF,F,G) (B Saumtally) Bob Jones 5-9-11 ... N Day 91
4 (2) 6-40162 VA UTU 7 (D,F,G) (M Quinn) M Channon 5-8-13 ... R Painter (7) 92
5 (9) /15025- SPARKLER GEBE 169J (B,CD,G) (Sparkler Filters Ltd) R O'Sullivan 7-8-11 ... J Quinn 80
6 (8) 56/001 UTRILLO 8 (G) (S Hammond) B Curley 4-8-11 (5ex) ... B Raymond 80
7 (12) 365362 ROCQUAINE BAY 27 (D,F) (D Woolland) M Bolton 6-8-10 ... C Rutter 85
8 (3) 343002 THEMEDA 8 (G) (Miss D Colville) G Lewis 4-8-2 ... M Hills [top]
9 (13) 0-40165 BRANSBY ROAD 22 (F) (A Spence) R Akehurst 3-8-0 ... F Norton 92
10 (4) 005306 CATHOS 7 (B,CD,F,G,S) (P Allen) D Wilson 8-7-13 ... G Duffield 95
11 (1) 021060 DR ZEVA 24 (CD,F,G) (G Butterfield) M Dixon 7-7-11 ... Kim McDonnell (7) 89
12 (5) 010054 CORINTHIAN GOD 18J (CD,F,G) (T Riley-Smith) D Wilson 4-7-11 ... A McGlone 90
13 (11) 000806- HEAD TURNER 284J (I Jerrard) C Wildman 5-7-7 ... N Adams 80

Long handicap: Head Turner 7-5.

BETTING: 7-2 Utrillo, 8-1 Bransby Road, 10-1 Rocquaine Bay, Themeda, Cathos, Lookingforarainbow, 12-1 others.

1992: ATLANTIC WAY 4-7-11 F Norton (9-2) C Hill 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

ALLMOSA 5¾l 3rd of 10 to Mysterious Maid in lady riders' race at Yarmouth (1m 6f, good), with LOOKINGFORARAINBOW 6l 5th and CATHOS 11 6th. LOOKINGFORARAINBOW 4l 3rd to Gilde Path in handicap over course and distance (firm) on penultimate start. VA UTU 3l 2nd to Who's The Best in apprentices' handicap at Kempton (1m 2f, good to firm). UTRILLO beat Rispoto 6l in maiden handicap at Yarmouth (1m 3f 101yd, good). ROCQUAINE BAY ½l 2nd of 13 to Supreme Master in handicap at Salisbury (1m 4f, good), with CORINTHIAN GOD (9lb better off) 8¾l 5th and THEMEDA (12lb better off) 8l 10th. THEMEDA neck 2nd of 7 to Big Pat in handicap at Folkestone (1m 4f, good to firm).
Selection: UTRILLO (nap)

4.10 GEORGE ROBEY CHALLENGE TROPHY LIMITED STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,028: 6f 209yd) (8 runners)

1 (4) 343063 COALISLAND 21 (V) (P McKernan) R Ingram 9-0 ... A McGlone 92
2 (7) 4134 DEVIOUS DANCER 34 (D,G) (G Bush) W G M Turner 9-0 ... D McCabe (5) 90
3 (8) 442400 GREEN'S FAIR 28 (V,G) (R Green (Fine Paintings)) M Bell 9-0 ... M Hills 85
4 (6) 120403 MARK'S CLUB 61 (B,D,G) (Mrs B Marchent) R O'Sullivan 9-0 ... A Clark 82
5 (3) 411686 DESERT NOMAD 12 (CD,F) (Euroseap Ltd) S Dow 8-9 ... D Wright (5) 89
6 (5) 130000 HALLORINA 6 (F,G) (Mrs J Thomson) W Wightman 8-9 ... G Bardwell 98
7 (1) 232-200 PATSY GRIMES 69 (J Grimes) M Muggeridge 8-9 ... S Raymont 92
8 (2) 122121 QUINSIGIMOND 22 (F,G) (A Mines) M Prescott 8-9 ... G Duffield [top]

BETTING: 9-4 Quinsigimond, 11-2 Green's Fair, Hallorina, 6-1 Coalisland, 7-1 Desert Nomad, 8-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

COALISLAND 6½l 3rd of 6 to Ablay in handicap over course and distance (firm). DEVIOUS DANCER 2¼l 4 of 8 to Oilcana in claimer at Hamilton (1m 4f, good to firm). GREEN'S FAIR 7½l 8th of 13 to Mr Nevermind in handicap at Epsom (7f, good). DESERT NOMAD 3¾l 6th of 13 to Panchellita in handicap at Folkestone (7f, good to firm). PATSY GRIMES best recent effort when ¾l 2nd of 7 to Alyaddn in maiden here (1m, good) in April. QUINSIGIMOND beat Sense Of Priority 1½l in stakes race at Redcar (6f, good to firm).
Selection: QUINSIGIMOND

4.40 SADDLESCOMBE CLAIMING STAKES
(Div II: £2,070: 7f 214yd) (9 runners)

1 (3) 0040-44 GREAT HAND 14J (D,F) (M Sampson) R Rowe 7-9-6 ... J Reid 85
2 (6) 400 GATHERING 15 (N Guyatt) M Bradstock 4-8-13 ... T Quinn 80
3 (7) 000660 LER CRU 36 (B,F) (J Fitch-Heyes) J Fitch-Heyes 4-8-10 ... A McGlone 92
4 (8) /00000 ABSOLUTELY HUMMING 15 (V,B) (Miss V Markowski) J Long 7-8-8 ... R Price 79
5 (1) 320046 BASSIO 18 (H,D,F,G) (Mrs S Darby) C Allen 4-8-8 ... W Hood 90
6 (4) 530500 SUPERENSIS 15 (V) (A de V Patrick) W Muir 3-8-5 ... Kim McDonnell (7) [top]
7 (9) 00 BIRD TROUBLE 34 (P Taplin) M Madgwick 3-8-3 ... C Avery –
8 (2) 00 EASTERN CHARLY 18 (B) (R Guest) R Guest 3-8-1 ... G Hind –
9 (5) 33000-6 THE WEND 16 (Mrs L May) W G M Turner 3-7-8 ... D Wright (5) 98

BETTING: 3-1 Ler Cru, 7-2 Bassio, 4-1 The Wend, 8-1 Great Hand, Superensis, 12-1 Gathering, 14-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

GREAT HAND 3¾l 4th of 14 to Brown Carpet in handicap at Windsor (1m 67yd, good). LER CRU 14l 7th of 12 to Bondad in selling handicap at Folkestone (1m 1f 149yd, good to firm). ABSOLUTELY HUMMING 3l 7th of 21 to Falland in selling handicap at Windsor (1m 67yd, good to firm) on penultimate start. BASSIO 6½l 4th of 9 to Corona Gold in handicap at Southwell (7f, good) on penultimate start.
Selection: GREAT HAND

5.10 BRIGHTON HANDICAP
(Amateurs: £2,637: 1m 1f 209yd) (18 runners)

1 (18) 123001 MULCIBER 11 (D,F,G) (Mrs P Treadwell) G Harwood 5-11-7 ... Miss A Harwood 90
2 (16) 420063 RUTLAND WATER 7 (D,F) R Akehurst 6-11-3 ... T McCarthy 95
3 (6) 006/000 LAMBOURN RAJA 4 (G,S) (K Tork) J O'Donoghue 7-11-1 ... K Tork (5) –
4 (5) 03/0004 TORGHIA 11 (D,F,G) (Lucky Seven) M Bradstock 6-10-7 ... Miss M Sandercock (5) 85
5 (12) 0-32060 TAYLORS PRINCE 27 (V,D,BF,F,G) (H Collingridge) H Collingridge 6-10-3 ... P Close 98
6 (13) 121120 STRAT'S LEGACY 144 (CD,F,G) D Arbuthnot 6-10-1 ... Mrs D Arbuthnot 80
7 (17) 050505 HERETICAL MISS 55 (P Boggis) R Hannon 3-9-12 ... Mrs J Boggis 95
8 (14) 005000- CANDLE KING 153J (B,F,G) (H Marners) J Bosley 5-9-10 ... Mrs S Bosley 80
9 (11) 000408 BREEZED WELL 21 (F,G) (Mrs H Noonan) B Cambidge 7-9-10 ... Mrs H Noonan 92
10 (10) 402010 MEDLAND 6 (C,F) (G Jackman) D Wilson 3-9-9 ... Miss D J Jones 89
11 (3) 000-166 KELIMUTU 12 (F) (J Furlong) J Pearce 4-9-6 ... Mrs L Pearce 96
12 (9) 006204 DON'T DROP BOMBS 20 (G) (D Croft) P Felgate 4-9-5 ... Miss J Feilden 92
13 (15) 040600 AEDEAN 18J (G) (B Thomas) C Horgan 4-9-5 ... Mrs D McHale [top]
14 (8) 0005 GAMEFULL GOLD 11 (G Brown) S Dow 4-9-5 ... T Cuff 80
15 (1) 400006 CANDARELA 8 (T Stubbings) P Howling 3-9-0 ... Miss H Stubbings (5) 83
16 (4) /356-0 BACK TO FORM 46 (Mrs C Price) W G M Turner 8-9-0 ... Mrs C Price (5) 80
17 (2) 005000 EMERALD EARS 30 (G) (Drayton Fencing) P McEntee 4-9-0 Miss Elaine Mills (5) 84
18 (7) 050000 MISS RIBBONS 7 (Mrs C Gugnard) Pat Mitchell 3-9-0 ... Miss S Chittenden (5) 96

Long handicap: Candarela 8-13, Back To Form 8-13, Emerald Ears 8-9, Miss Ribbons 8-6.

BETTING: 5-1 Mulciber, 11-2 Rutland Water, 7-1 Strat's Legacy, 8-1 Taylor's Prince, Kelimutu, 10-1 others.

1992: STRAT'S LEGACY 5-9-13 Mrs D Arbuthnot (16-1) D Arbuthnot 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

MULCIBER beat Daily Sport Don neck in 9-runner apprentices' handicap at Lingfield (7f 110yd, good), with GAMEFULL GOLD (7lb better off) 7½l 5th. RUTLAND WATER 3¾l 3rd to Who's The Best in apprentices' handicap at Kempton (1m 2f, good to firm). STRAT'S LEGACY 7l 2nd of 8 to Le Reine Rouge in handicap at Lingfield (AW, 1m 4f) on penultimate start. MEDLAND beat Hazy Kay by a neck in maiden handicap here (7f, firm) on penultimate start. KELIMUTU 12l 6th of 15 to Lowawatha in handicap at Haydock (1m 2f 110yd, soft).
Selection: MEDLAND

EXETER

THUNDERER
2.00 Euphonic. 2.30 Salar's Spirit. 3.00 Titus Andronicus. 3.30 Skipping Tim. 4.00 Trust Deed. 4.30 Fieldridge.

GOING: FIRM (WITH HARD PATCHES) SIS

2.00 MARSH BARTON JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £1,992: 2m 1f 110yd) (11 runners)

1 1 BEAT THE BAGMAN 18 (F) J Akehurst 11-3 ... L Harvey
2 1 ITS UNBELIEVABLE 11 (D,F) J White 11-3 ... N Williamson
3 EUPHONIC 22F I Balding 10-12 ... J Frost
4 MASTER BEVELED 20F A Jones 10-12 ... G Upton
5 MONDAY AT THREE 347F B Millman 10-12 ... N Hawke
6 STAR MINSTREL 37F M McCormack 10-12 ... R Dunwoody
7 32 FREE DANCER 13 R Brotherton 10-7 ... D Bridgwater
8 GROGFRYN 15F C Popham 10-7 ... M A Fitzgerald
9 MY SET PEACE 39F (V) M Muggeridge 10-7 ... B Bradley
10 F ROSEMARY'S MEMORY 14 J Moore 10-7 ... A Charlton
11 ROWLANDSONS GOLD 8F M Channon 10-7 ... Lorna Vincent

2-1 Euphonic, 11-4 Its Unbelievable, 9-2 Beat The Bagman, 7-1 Free Dancer, 10-1 Star Minstrel, 12-1 Master Beveled, 16-1 My Set Peace, 20-1 others.

2.30 COUNTESS WEAR SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,644: 2m 1f 110yds) (8)

1 3-P1 MILLROUS 13 (B,C,F,G,S) M Pipe 5-11-10 ... R Dunwoody
2 0-44 BLUECHIPENTERPRISE 16 (B,C,F) A Cottrell 7-11-5 J Kavanagh
3 -221 SALAR'S SPIRIT 7 (D,F) W G M Turner 7-11-2 (5ex) R Darke (7)
4 34-5 CORNISH COSSACK 13 D Barons 6-10-10 ... J Frost
5 P6-4 LOCH DUICH 25 (G) R Hodges 7-10-9 ... G McCourt
6 P-4P FASHION PRINCESS 13 (B,CD,F) Mrs A Knight 7-10-7 D Matthews (7)
7 040- ITS ALL OVER NOW 82 (F) Mrs A King 9-10-5 ... S McNeill
28 P06- GREEN'S STUBBS 15F A Barrow 6-10-0 ... A Maguire

15-8 Salar's Spirit, 11-4 Millrous, 5-1 Its All Over Now, 7-1 Fashion Princess, 10-1 Cornish Cossack, 12-1 Loch Duich, 16-1 others.

3.00 WESTCOUNTRY LIVE NOVICES CHASE
(£2,736: 2m 1f 110yd) (7)

1 3/13 BONDAID 18 (CD,BF,F,G) J White 9-11-3 ... A Maguire
2 0U0- JET 124 (B) C Popham 7-11-3 ... M A Fitzgerald
3 F3 NEEDS MUST 13 R Frost 6-11-3 ... J Frost
4 432- TITUS ANDRONICUS 108 N Gaselee 6-11-3 ... R Supple
5 TUDOR WEDDING R Alner 8-11-3 ... S Earle
6 -542 WINDSOR PARK 21 (D,F) K Bridgwater 7-11-3 ... V Slattery (3)
7 0P-U DARING CLASS 16 (CD,F) P Rodford 7-10-12 ... I Shoemark

13-8 Titus Andronicus, 5-2 Windsor Park, 100-30 Bondaid, 7-1 Daring Class, 14-1 Needs Must, 25-1 others.

3.30 WESTCOUNTRY TELEVISION CLAIMING CHASE (£2,710: 2m 6f 110yd) (7)

1 3-12 SKIPPING TIM 13 (C,BF,F,G,S) M Pipe 14-11-12 ... R Dunwoody
2 0-45 CLEANING UP 13 (F) A Chamberlain 11-11-2 ... B Powell
3 4/P4 SAMSUN 13 (B,F,G) C Popham 11-11-2 ... M A Fitzgerald
4 UP-5 SIRISAT 16 (F) J Upson 9-11-0 ... Mr K Hollowell
5 RR6- PIGEON ISLAND 114 (G) G Charles-Jones 11-10-13 D Meade (7)
6 250/ MARLBOROUGH LADY 474 (F) Mrs A Knight 7-10-9 S Burrough
7 04-2 TANBER LASS 7 R Frost 12-10-7 ... J Frost

11-10 Skipping Tim, 9-2 Samsun, 5-1 Pigeon Island, 7-1 Cleaning Up, 10-1 Sirisat, 12-1 Tanber Lass, 25-1 Marlborough Lady.

4.00 JOHN & RUTH BAKER MEMORIAL HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,599: 2m 1f 110yd) (8)

1 13-2 PHARLY STORY 13 (V,D,F,G) M Pipe 5-12-0 ... R Dunwoody
2 2U0- ABU MUSLAB 114 (CD,F,G) G Edwards 9-11-5 Mr N Moore (7)
3 532- FROSTY RECEPTION 169 (B,CD,F) R Baker 8-10-12 ... L Harvey
4 P4-3 SHALCHLO BOY 13 (CD,F,G) W G M Turner 9-10-9 N Williamson
5 1P0- NOVA SPIRIT 20F (CD,F,S) M Saunders 5-10-8 ... S Mackey
6 222- AMPHIGORY 109 (V,CD,F) P Rodford 5-10-2 ... T Thompson (7)
7 030- MADRAJ 103 (F) R Hodges 5-10-1 ... W McFarland
8 -313 TRUST DEED 13 (B,C,F,G) Mrs A Knight 5-10-0 M A Fitzgerald

9-4 Trust Deed, 3-1 Pharly Story, 5-1 Frosty Reception, 7-1 Shalchlo Boy, 8-1 Abu Muslab, 10-1 Nova Spirit, 14-1 Madraj, 16-1 Amphigory.

4.30 CREDITON NOVICES HURDLE
(£1,992: 2m 1f 110yd) (11)

1 5-11 ATHAR 13 (CD,F) R Baker 4-11-2 ... L Harvey
2 BARE HIGHLANDER R Hodges 7-11-0 ... W Irvine
3 0P/ BROWNHALL 543 M Charles 5-11-0 ... Mr B Pollock (7)
4 0/04 MY HARRY BOY 13 W G M Turner 6-11-0 ... G Upton
5 0- NEW STATESMAN 109 C Barwell 5-11-0 ... N Mann
6 0- FIELDRIDGE 21F (B) C Brooks 4-10-11 ... B Bradley
7 505- MUSTAHIL 2F R Hodges 4-10-11 ... R Dunwoody
8 SUDANOR 13F B Millman 4-10-11 ... N Hawke
9 000- CHICKABIDDY 152 G Edwards 5-10-9 ... Mr N Moore (7)
10 0F-3 JR'S PET 13 D Barons 6-10-9 ... R Davis (5)
11 SOUL TRADER 177F Mrs A Knight 4-10-6 ... S Burrough

5-4 Fieldridge, 2-1 Athar, 6-1 Mustahil, 10-1 Soul Trader, 12-1 Sudanor, 25-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M McCormack, 3 winners from 5 runners, 60.0%; M Pipe, 92 from 234, 39.3%; R Baker, 5 from 22, 22.7%; J White, 4 from 20, 20.0%; A Barrow, 6 from 34, 17.6%. (Only qualifiers)

JOCKEYS: G Bradley, 6 winners from 26 rides, 23.1%; G McCourt, 7 from 31, 22.6%; R Dunwoody, 12 from 55, 21.8%; D Matthews, 3 from 15, 20.0%; M A Fitzgerald, 10 from 61, 16.4%; W McFarland, 9 from 55, 16.4%.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S TWO MEETINGS

☐ The Times Private Handicapper (Gerald Hubbard) selected Karinska (25-1) among his Pontefract winners yesterday.

Pontefract

Going: good

2.45 (6f) 1, KARINSKA (D McCabe, 25-1); 2, Mu-Arrik (J Tate, 6-1 fav); 3, Sobering Thoughts (L Aspell, 7-1); 4, Lida's Delight (P Johnson, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 15-2 Invigilate, 8 Blue Grit (5th), 10 Kilroum, 11 Stap Cartoon (6th), Countercheck, 12 Fortis Pavior, Magication, 16 State Flyer, Nifu, 25 Shannon Express, 33 All The Girls, 100 Hanbury Hall. 16 ran. NR: Ricky's Tornado. Wellav Led Nk, 4l, ½l, ¾l, hd. M Chapman at Market Rasen. Tote: £55.40; £9.40, £1.80, £1.40, £4.50. DF: £227.10. CSF: £151.51. Tricast: £1,071.16.

3.15 (1m 2f 6yd) 1, VANROY (L Dettori, 2-1 fav); 2, Essayeffsee (K Darley, 6-1); 3, Ann Hill (W Ryan, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 11-4 Overpower (4th), 8 Oucane, 14 Joseph's Wine, 20 Metternich, 25 Romantic Mood, 33 Inovar (6th), 66 Golden Ancona, Wawsewawoo, My Lindianne (5th). 12 ran. Hd, ½l, 2l, 4l, ¾l. J Jenkins at Royston. Tote: £3.10; £1.80, £1.40, £1.30. DF: £10.30. CSF: £14.87.

3.45 (6f) 1, FRIENDLY CHAMP (R Price, 10-1); 2, Overbury (L Dettori, 4-6 fav); 3, Ochos Rios (J Quinn, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 Barossa Valley (5th), 10 Brierley (4th), 33 Nordico Princess (6th), Pleasure Trick. 7 ran. NR: Prince Of Anita. ½l, 3l, 8l, 2l, 1¼l. R Armstrong at Newmarket. Tote: £11.00; £3.50, £1.60. DF: £9.40. CSF: £17.28.

4.15 (2m 1f 216yd) 1, KAISER WILHELM (W Ryan, 2-1 fav); 2, Jack Button (N Day, 9-4); 3, Miss Plum (L Dettori, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Grey Power (5th), 7 Encore Une Fois (4th), 100 Chapelstreet Blues (6th). 6 ran. 1l, 1½l, 4l, 7l, dist. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £3.10; £2.00, £1.80. DF: £3.80. CSF: £6.70.

4.45 (6f) 1, DARREN BOY (T Quinn, 4-5 fav; Thunderer's nap and Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Culsyth Flyer (W Ryan, 11-1); 3, Dante's Rubicon (D Wright, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Palacegate Jo (6th), 13-2 Beneficiary (4th), 10 Double Sixteen (5th), 25 Sganca. 7 ran. 3l, nk, 6l, ¾l, 1½l. P Cole at Whatcombe. Tote: £1.90; £1.40, £3.90. DF: £6.50. CSF: £9.51.

5.15 (1m 4yd) 1, PRIDE OF PENDLE (K Darley, 11-2); 2, Mutakallam (R Hills, 14-1); 3, Northern Bred (R Cochrane, 11-8 fav). ALSO RAN: 9 Prenonamoss, 10 Causley (4th), Mysilv, Kryptos, 14 Habeta (5th), Regal Aura, 20 Ground Nut, 25 Poleden, 33 Media Messenger (6th). 12 ran. Hd, ½l, 1½l, 1l, hd. P Calver at Ripon. Tote: £6.50; £2.60, £2.70, £1.60. DF: £22.40. CSF: £74.76. Tricast: £150.99.

Placepot: £20.30.

Brighton

Going: good to firm (firm in places)

2.00 (5f 59yd) 1, MONIS (W Carson, 5-1); 2, Bashful Brave (M Hills, 4-1); 3, Prince Of Gaels (J Reid, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 4-5 fav Phoneanolic (4th), 20 Sporting Start (5th), 50 Secretorius (6th), 66 Crafty Cricketer, Clancy's Express. 8 ran. NR: Blue Bomber. Hd, 5l, sh hd, 6l, 4l. T Thomson Jones at Newmarket. Tote: £5.10; £1.20, £1.70, £1.90. DF: £11.70. CSF: £23.62.

2.30 (5f 59yd) 1, POST MISTRESS (G Duffield, Evens fav); 2, Loveacape (J Reid, 15-2); 3, Raise Point (W R Swinburn, 2-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Amazing News (6th), 33 Magic Maggie (4th), Burma Star (5th). 6 ran. ½l, 5l, 5l, 2l, 30l. M Prescott at Newmarket. Tote: £2.00; £1.10, £2.00. DF: £4.90. CSF: £8.26.

3.00 (1m 3f 196yd) 1, QUEENS CONTRACTOR (P McCabe, 5-2); 2, Badawi (G Forster, 2-1 fav); 3, Nightmare Lady (C Hawksley, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Chiltern Hundreds (5th), 10 Supper With Susie, 20 Santa Stellar (4th), Eve's Treasure (6th). 7 ran. 5l, 3l, 8l, 1¾l, 2l. M Heaton-Ellis at Wroughton. Tote: £3.40; £1.60, £1.70. DF: £2.90. CSF: £7.56.

3.30 (6f 209yd) 1, CALEMAN (W Carson, 10-1); 2, Silky Siren (Pat Eddery, 5-2 fav); 3, Wave Hill (J Reid, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 5 Herora, 8 Superoo, 15-2 Nobby Barnes (4th), Cape Pigeon (5th), 12 Prince Rodney (6th), 14 Nigel's Lucky Girl, 33 Abso. 10 ran. NR: Ain'tlifelikethat. 3½l, 4l, hd, 1½l, hd. R Boss at Newmarket. Tote: £10.90; £2.40, £1.60, £3.10. DF: £31.10. Trio: £195.70. CSF: £34.90. Tricast: £166.71.

4.00 (6f 209yd) 1, NONIOS (B Doyle, 13-2); 2, Prince Danzig (J Reid, 16-1); 3, Henry's Luck (W Woods, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 4-1 fav Make The Break, 9-2 Madame Gregoire (5th), Komplicity, 5 Imposing Groom (6th), 6 Dutford Lad (4th), 14 Bien Cuit. 9 ran. 2l, sh hd, 2½l, 1½l, 1½l. B Meehan at Lambourn. Tote: £8.00; £2.00, £2.80, £3.60. DF: £40.80. CSF: £88.80. Tricast: £1,109.79. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

4.30 (1m 1f 209yd) 1, ICE REBEL (W Newnes, 8-1); 2, Without A Flag (Pat Eddery, 3-1 fav); 3, Dubai Summer (B Raymond, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 100-30 Landrail (4th), Gold Tassel, 12 Hazy Kay (6th), 16 Villavina, 20 Marathia (5th). 8 ran. Nk, 3½l, ¾l, 7l, 2½l. Miss B Sanders at Epsom. Tote: £14.90; £2.60, £1.20, £1.90. DF: £12.30. CSF: £33.95. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

Placepot: £690.50.

Tredennick pair cause for thought

By Albert Dormer

THE opening event of Britain's biggest bridge congress, the summer tournament at Brighton, has left the British Bridge League selectors with something to think about. A record field of 616 pairs turned out for the BT Chargecard Swiss pairs and the winners were the young Kent twins, Gerald and Stuart Tredennick.

The pair were in the British open squad that narrowly failed to gain one of Europe's four world championship places in the recent zonals. But the captain, David Price, made less use of the Tredennicks than of the other two pairs in the British team.

This was unsurprising, as initially the twins were only reserves, and their only previous experience at this level was when they helped Britain to win the world junior team championship in 1988.

Nevertheless, with the world championships about to start in Santiago this weekend, the Tredennicks' win raised a question. Would Britain have won through to Santiago if the in-form pair had been given more exposure in the zonals? And could something be done to choose the team earlier and prepare it for the zonals?

A close second in Brighton were the London pair, Glyn Liggins and Andrew Dyson. The placings depended on one vital deal in the last round.

Fortunately for the twins, the trump layout did subsist and Stuart Tredennick handled the suit correctly. Otherwise, the event would have been won instead by Liggins and Dyson.

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Atherton secure enough to approach Caribbean trip on his own terms

England revived by regaining winning touch

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

THE British find sporting defeats easy to handle. Scorn is sprayed liberally on all concerned and the resignation of someone in power is loudly demanded. Winning creates a situation in which the common instinct is to demean the achievement by offering excuses for the opposition.

We have been at it again since the Test match win at the Oval on Monday and, on the face of it, with good reason. Australia played without the sustained resolve of earlier games, as if they were demob happy. Umpiring decisions went against them, for once. And it was, after all, a single, victory after four defeats in the five previous matches which had brought down a captain and a chairman and had already had the hounds baying for blood.

No matter. The health of the England cricket team is suddenly ruder for the win and as those who know about such things have been stressing all summer, it really does not take much to change the fortunes of distressed cricketers. Michael Atherton, the captain, and his team manager Keith Fletcher, must feel like free-falling airmen who managed to release their parachutes just before the ground came up to hit them.

Atherton is one of England's two great plusses of the summer (the other being the return of Angus Fraser) and victory at the Oval means he can go to the Caribbean without having constantly to beware of daggers in the back. Already, he has imposed his style on the captaincy and, if he tackles the West Indies as Graham Gooch did four winters ago, the Test matches might conceivably be watched without the need for a hand in front of the eyes.

Unlike Gooch, who took over from David Gower after the 4-0 Ashes defeat of 1989, Atherton will be taking a team that has been at least cursorily re-educated in the art of winning. The self-belief that this can engender is beyond calculation.

Precious though this late prize is, however, it must still be seen in the context of a summer dominated by the Australians, when England played at times without heart and intelligence and when teams were chosen, and strategies adopted, that did nothing for the credibility of those in charge.

Australia, let it be said, were magnificent. As a batting team, they had everything — blockers and dashers, right and left-handers, plus a tail without a rabbit. But their bowling won them the series — and rarely in the annals of Test cricket did so much depend upon so few.

When Craig McDermott went home after the Lord's Test, the opponent England had most feared was eliminated without a wicket to his name. The tour management refused to summon a replacement and, inspired by such faith in him, Merv Hughes carried a doubled burden heroically. He was Allan Border's enforcer, a bowler privately admired by every England player, whatever their darker thoughts about his more villainous side. To some, he may even be the man of the summer.

For most, though, the greatest memories of the series were provided by Shane Warne, not just a leg spinner who may in time prove to be the best there has been, but a trendy, tanned and blond-haired kid to whom the youth of this country, as well as of Australia, can happily relate. He is being imitated everywhere and, such is his talent and his charisma, this is perhaps the best thing that has happened to cricket in years.

Warne is cricketing showbiz but the act is of the highest class; any doubt about that was swept away by his first ball of the series, which turned two feet to bowl a bemused Mike Gatting at Old Trafford. His workload was phenomenal, bowling 439.5 overs in the Tests alone, yet he conceded only two runs an over and took 34 wickets at 25.79 apiece. He could bowl to contain, though this was seldom necessary, and his repertoire was wide and skilfully used. Warne is also not just marketable but personable: a genuine star.

Tim May's improved off breaks, used in five of the Tests, and Paul Reiffel's very English style of seam bowling, used in three, were worthy support acts. But it was to Hughes and Warne that Border always turned for his inspiration, even if, in Warne's case, this sometimes involved the psychological game of delaying his entrance against demonstrably wary batsmen.

Only Gooch played Warne with anything approaching comfort and his was the batting performance of the series. Unlike any of the prolific Australians, he was often isolated among lesser mortals. Gooch averaged 56 in a series he will reflect on with confusion.

After only one Test — in which he had made 133 and been out handled the ball — he publicly questioned whether he could motivate players to whom "it doesn't matter enough when things go badly". After two Tests, his resignation became an issue: after four it became inevitable. Yet he ended the summer standing happily at short leg and batting as well as ever under a new captain. There is more to come from him yet.

There will be more, too, from Border, whose leadership is seldom tranquil but always challenging, the character of the man personified. It is possible that he could still be captaining his fine side when England go to Australia late next year. Whether Atherton is leading England can only be conjecture. He, of all people, has discovered this summer how quickly and dramatically one's standing can alter in the game.

RESULTS

TEST MATCHES: First Test (Old Trafford): Australia won by 179 runs. Second Test (Lord's): Australia won by an innings and 62 runs. Third Test (Trent Bridge): Match drawn. Fourth Test (Headingley): Australia won by an innings and 148 runs. Fifth Test (Edgbaston): Australia won by eight wickets. Sixth Test (The Oval): England won by 161 runs

ONE-DAY INTERNATIONALS: First match (Old Trafford): Australia won by 4 runs. Second match (Edgbaston): Australia won by 6 wickets. Third match (Lord's): Australia won by 19 runs.

FINAL TEST MATCH AVERAGES

England — batting and fielding

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge	100	50	Ct/s
G A Gooch	6	12	0	673	133	56.08	2	4	2
M A Atherton	6	12	0	553	99	46.08	—	6	1
G P Thorpe	3	6	1	230	114*	46.00	1	1	5
G A Hick	3	6	0	256	80	42.66	—	2	—
A J Stewart	6	12	0	378	78	31.50	—	—	14/2
N Hussain	4	8	2	184	71	30.66	—	1	2
R A Smith	5	10	0	283	86	28.30	—	2	2
M W Gatting	2	4	0	91	59	22.75	—	1	2
M N Lathwell	2	4	0	78	33	19.50	—	—	—
A R Caddick	4	8	1	101	25	14.42	—	—	2
C C Lewis	2	4	0	52	43	13.00	—	—	1
M P Maynard	4	8	0	39	20	9.75	—	—	2
P M Such	5	9	3	56	14*	9.33	—	—	2
M C Ilott	3	5	1	28	15	7.00	—	—	—
M J McCague	2	3	0	20	11	6.66	—	—	1
M P Bicknell	2	4	0	26	14	6.50	—	—	—
P C R Tufnell	2	4	2	3	2*	1.50	—	—	1

PLAYED IN ONE MATCH: J E Emburey, 55*, 37. M R Ramprakash, 6, 64 (3ct), A R C Fraser, 28, 13 (1ct), N A Foster, 20, 16* S L Watkin, 13, 4 (1ct), P A J DeFreitas, 5, 7 (1ct), D E Malcolm, 0*, 0*

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Avge	BB	5i	10m
A R C Fraser	45.5	9	131	8	16.37	5-87	1	—
S L Watkin	53	13	152	6	25.33	4-65	—	—
D E Malcolm	46	8	170	6	28.33	3-84	—	—
P M Such	239.5	64	541	16	33.81	6-67	1	—
M C Ilott	129	28	412	8	51.50	3-108	—	—
P C R Tufnell	104	12	319	5	63.80	2-78	—	—
M P Bicknell	87	17	263	4	65.75	3-99	—	—
M J McCague	79.3	13	234	4	73.50	4-121	—	—
A R Caddick	153	29	488	5	97.60	3-32	—	—

ALSO BOWLED: G P Thorpe 8-1-14-0; G A Hick 25-7-52-0, G A Gooch 25-6-86-0; N A Foster 30-4-84-0; J E Emburey 57-13-150-3; P A J DeFreitas 47-9-126-2; C C Lewis 58-7-238-2

Australia — batting and fielding

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge	100	50	Ct/s
S R Waugh	6	9	4	418	157*	83.20	1	2	5
D C Boon	6	10	2	555	164*	69.37	3	1	5
M E Waugh	6	10	1	550	137	61.11	1	5	9
I A Healy	6	7	2	296	102*	59.20	1	—	22/5
A R Border	6	9	1	433	200*	54.12	1	1	8
M A Taylor	6	10	0	428	124	42.80	2	1	11
M J Slater	6	10	0	416	152	41.60	2	2	—
S K Warne	6	5	2	113	37	37.66	—	—	4
B P Julian	2	3	1	61	56*	30.50	—	1	2
P R Reiffel	3	3	0	62	42	20.66	—	—	1
M G Hughes	6	5	0	76	38	15.20	—	—	—
T B A May	5	4	2	23	15	11.50	—	—	2
C J McDermott	2	1	0	8	8	8.00	—	—	—

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Avge	BB	5i	10m
P R Reiffel	140.4	31	396	18	20.84	6-71	2	—
S K Warne	439.5	178	877	34	25.79	5-82	1	—
M G Hughes	256.2	78	645	31	27.25	5-82	1	—
T B A May	278	90	592	21	28.19	5-69	1	—
S R Waugh	32	9	82	2	41.00	2-45	—	—
B P Julian	82	16	291	5	58.20	2-30	—	—

ALSO BOWLED: A R Border 27-11-35-1, M E Waugh 56-17-161-1, C J McDermott 48-11-126-0

☐ *TCCB Official Statistics*



JULIAN HERBERT

Warne, the summer's outstanding player, may become the best of his kind

SPORT IN BRIEF

Schofield recovers for season's start

LEEDS, rugby league's big spending club, have strengthened their pack, and received the welcome news yesterday that Garry Schofield, the Great Britain captain, has recovered from surgery on an infected eardrum and will start the league championship season at Castleford on Friday (Christopher Irvine writes).

In a late flurry of transfer activity, Leeds signed Neil Harmon, the Warrington prop forward, for £75,000, and sold Carl Gibson, the international centre, for £15,000 to Featherstone Rovers, who have also picked up the Leeds wing, Vince Fawcett, on loan for a month. The independent tribunal has been called in to set a transfer fee for Richard Eyres, the Great Britain second-row forward, after his former club, Widnes, rejected a Leeds' offer far below the asking price of £350,000.

Andy Dannatt, the international prop, is about to leave Hull, but whether to Wakefield Trinity or St Helens is not certain. Dean Bell, the Wigan captain, announced on New Zealand television yesterday that he is to leave Central Park at the end of the season after seven years to join Auckland Warriors under John Monie, the former Wigan coach.

Higgins slides to defeat

SNOOKER: John Higgins, 17, was beaten for the first time in five matches this season when he surprisingly went down in the seventh qualifying round of the Regal Welsh Open at Blackpool yesterday. Higgins, from Wishaw, near Glasgow, compiled a 98 break on the way to building a 3-2 lead over Terry Murphy, of Northern Ireland, the world No 138. However, Murphy levelled at 3-3, moved 4-3 ahead with a run of 119 and recovered from a 66-0 deficit in the eighth frame to complete a 5-3 victory on the black with a 67 clearance. Karl Burrows, of Holloway, the world No 178, also qualified for the last 128 of the Welsh Open with a 5-4 victory over Karl Payne, from Birmingham, who played in the final stages of the Embassy world championship four months ago.

Mahanama doubtful

CRICKET: Sri Lanka may be without the opening batsman, Roshan Mahanama, who has an infected toe, for the first Test against South Africa in Moratuwa today. Mahanama did not bat in the nets yesterday and if he is is unfit, Sri Lanka might look outside their squad of 15 for a replacement. Duleep Samaraweera in the most likely candidate. The home side is also likely to include three spinners, while South Africa's attack will probably be based on the pace of Allan Donald, Brett Schultz and Brian McMillan, supported either by Pat Symcox, the off spinner, or the left-arm spinner, Clive Eksteen. It is the first Test between the countries.

Harris pays for gamble

SQUASH: Del Harris, the former British champion, gambled and lost as he went out in a sudden-death finish in the opening round of the Hong Kong Open yesterday. Harris saved a match point in the fifth and deciding game against the Australian, Adam Schreiber, but scorned the safety-first approach by calling "no-set", giving both players match point. It was a brave move but it rebounded on him when the Australian was awarded a disputed penalty stroke to win the match 15-6, 12-15, 15-12, 9-15, 15-14. Danny Meddings, of Surrey, was the only Briton playing yesterday to reach the second round with a comfortable 15-9, 17-14, 15-8 win over Zubair Jahan Khan, of Pakistan.

Chilcott to retire

RUGBY UNION: Gareth Chilcott, the Bath and former England prop, is to retire shortly after his 37th birthday in November. Chilcott will stop playing in early December before starting a pantomime season in Southampton. A British Isles representative on the tour of Australia in 1989, Chilcott was capped 14 times by England between 1984 and 1989. He also helped Bath to win 11 trophies in nine years.

☐ The England 18-group schools side was overwhelmed in the final match of its tour of New Zealand, losing 52-5 in Dunedin to New Zealand schools. England's only other defeat in seven matches was by Waikato.

Fignon stands down

CYCLING: Laurent Fignon, the Frenchman who twice won the Tour de France, yesterday announced his retirement. "I don't see the point of going on," Fignon said before the start of his last race, in Brittany. Fignon was expected to compete in the individual road race at the world championships in Norway on Sunday, but said: "I would have liked to race but I don't feel fit enough to play my part." Fignon, 33, emerged from the shadow of Bernard Hinault to win the Tour de France in 1983 and 1984, but had showed only glimpses of his old form in the past few years. His last important win was in the Giro d'Italia in 1989.

Lining up for Fun Run

Entries are already flowing in for the sixteenth National Fun Run, jointly supported by *The Times* and Reebok, on Sunday, September 26. The event is likely to be one of the biggest mass participation events of 1993 and is open to all. There are a total of 30 age categories for men and women over the 2½-mile course in Hyde Park and also, for the first time, there will be a junior jog over a shorter course for children under the age of eight.

For full details and entry forms, send a stamped addressed envelope (approx 9in x 6in) to Reebok/*The Times* National Fun Run, PO Box 3460, London SE1 8RZ.

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Facing hot competition in a common market



Andrew Longmore on the uneasy mix of sport and money that is at the heart of cricket's increasing need to make a profit

Since the early days of patronage, cricket and money have been uneasy partners. Yet the relationship has rarely been as uncomfortable as it is now in an age of Trivision screens, outfield logos, sponsored shirts, sweaters and T-shirts, official suppliers, advertising spin-offs, coloured clothing and betting tents. With a turnover of £40 million and some hungry counties to feed, the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) is more money-conscious than ever. It has to be.

Even the church is beginning to understand the prevailing mood. At Headingley, alongside the advertisements that warned Australia to "watch out for their bails" and the pictures of Graham Gooch looking disconsolately at an empty can of Tetleys, the local Baptist church posted the soul-catching slogan: "God gave JXXXX to the world". At least they picked the right side. But not everyone is so keen to jump on the bandwagon.

Critics complain bitterly that cricket's precious traditions are being hijacked by soulless whizzkids and deposited in the wasteland of accountants' balance sheets. Moreover, they add, the villains of the moment, the Artful Dodgers, the pickpockets of a heritage, can be found within the portals of the TCCB.

Terry Blake is marketing manager of the TCCB, but hardly fits the description of public enemy No 1. Tall, forthright and open-faced, Blake has been brought up with the game and cares as passionately for it as any of his prosecutors. Surprisingly, he has kept his enthusiasm through a trying summer, in which his top-of-the-range product has dropped to the street value of the government and accusations have piled up at his door. Whatever the criticisms, he says, cricket does need to be marketed.

"There is no divine right for this wonderful game to survive," he said. "If there was, we wouldn't need to do as much. But new sports are being imported the whole time and everyone is looking for their share of the next generation of sportsmen and women.

"We are not just competing with other sports, but against other leisure activities to generate enough revenue to cover the costs of the 18 counties and the international teams.

"Marketing always follows cricket, not vice versa. The changes to the structure of the game this year were made on cricketing, not marketing, grounds. The counties tell us what the product is and we go and market it. There will always be an older brigade who don't want change at any price, but there's room for tradition and innovation. The changes have to be done reasonably tastefully."

Except, he might have said, on Sundays, when the new 50-over format has led to a confused mix of coloured razzmatazz and proper cricket that has not found favour at the box office. Had marketing ruled cricket, the old 40-over format, which had no pretence to be anything but knockabout stuff designed to attract a new audience, would surely have remained. Nor has the TCCB sacrificed Test cricket for the instant cash fix of one-day internationals as their counterparts in every other part of the cricketing world have done.



Blake: promoting an image

But recent failures have sharpened criticism of the way the TCCB has sold the image of the national team and made too many demands of the players off the field to the detriment of their cricket on it. In India, the team's dress of sponsors' tracksuits and T-shirts was cited as an example of slack attitudes, another reason for defeat.

Blake said: "We accept some of the criticisms and will be reviewing the dress code for the winter tour. The image of the team is important off and on the field." England have two main sponsors and three official suppliers. "People tend to feel that the game is being exploited by sponsors. But they pay good money into the game and the money is put to good use." That goes for Tetleys and Whittingdale, the high profile sponsors of the England team, and other grassroots sponsors.

But what about all the paraphernalia of the modern Test ground: the 70 perimeter advertising boards at Headingley, the Trivision sightscreen and the outfield logos, both ideas promoted from within the TCCB?

"The Trivision is an experiment," Blake said. "The replay screen must be a benefit to the spectator. The sponsor's logos on the outfield are purely for the benefit of television. They are white on green, so do not clash with the colours of the game and I don't think people at the grounds notice them unduly."

When time allows, Blake discards his suit and watches a day's cricket from the bleachers, complete with binoculars, radio and refreshment. What does he find? "All the traditions we have been talking about." But does not the confrontational advertising, coloured clothing, action replays and drink sponsorship simply encourage the "Ing-er-lund" culture?

"We certainly have to be careful and responsible," he said. "The fact that the two Test teams are sponsored by beer companies doesn't make people drink more beer on the terraces; nor has coloured clothing brought coachloads of hooligans to Sunday games. We don't encourage confrontation. We do encourage healthy competition and competitive instincts."

Unfortunately, England have shown little of either this summer, which makes Blake's job twice as hard. "When things go well, the issues are not as heralded as they are now. We've had some great Tests over the past two years, but we have been on the wrong end of them. A few victories would make life a little easier."

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 40

OXYRHYNCH

(b) Any crab of the group *Oxyrhyncha*, characterised by a triangular cephalothorax with projecting rostrum; the group includes the spider-crabs.

PISANG

(a) The Malay name of the banana, formerly also un-English use. *Wild Pisang*, the name given to a South African allied plant, *Strelitzia augusta*. The Pisang river has its name from the profusion of wild Pisang.

NIDGE

(c) [Of obscure origin] translated to trim (stone) roughly by means of a sharp-pointed hammer. *Gwilt*, Architect, 1842: "In Aberdeen, where the stone is very hard . . . they pick the stone until the surface has nearly acquired the requisite form. This sort of work is called nidged-work, and the operation nidging.

CLERUCH

(c) At Athens, a citizen who received an allotment of land in a foreign country, but retained his rights as a citizen at home.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

White increased the pressure on the back rank with 1 Qg8! when Bh3+ will inevitably follow with fatal consequences. e.g. 1 . . . Rxg8 2 Rxg8+ Qd8 3 Bh3+.

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BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (95941)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (44187496)
9.05 Hangar 17 (r) (Ceefax) (s) (4410941) **9.35 Ipso Facto.** Does money bring happiness? (r) (2656212)
10.00 News (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (1633458) **10.05 Playdays** (r) (s) (3558125) **10.25 Get Your Own Back.** Game show (r) (s) (3534545) **10.50 T'n'T Japan** (s) (5030922)
11.00 News (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (8010545) **11.00 Knots Landing** (r) (9788941)
11.50 For the Love of It Rob Pickup used his mother's kitchen to brew a beer to his taste (7861212
12.00 News. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (5256800) **12.05 Pop Goes Summer** Ross King talks to the singer and actress Elaine Paige (s) (2057632) **12.25 UK Summer Special Olympics.** Further coverage from Sheffield (s) (8095496) **12.55 Regional news** and weather (71068106)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) Weather (39212)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (80705632)
1.50 Going for Gold. With Henry Kelly (s) (80716748)
2.15 Hawaii Five-O Danny (James MacArthur) is upset by a friend's death (r) (4091854)
3.05 Bazaar Agony aunt Claire Rayner offers advice on treating problem bones and joints (s) (5966670)
3.35 A Big Country. Australian rodeo boy Tim Kelly's life changed when he was called to God (9761651)
4.10 Children's BBC: The Legend of Prince Valiant. Cartoon. (Ceefax) (s) (2727293) **4.35 The Really Wild Roadshow** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (3642767) **5.00 Newsround** (2831583) **5.10 Byker Grove.** Children's drama (r) (Ceefax) (3584816)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (574632). **Northern Ireland.** Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. (Ceefax) Weather (748)
6.30 Regional news magazines (800). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s)
7.00 Every Second Counts Three couples compete against the clock. Hosted by Paul Daniels (s) (2922)
7.30 Doc Martin's Casebook. (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (212)
8.00 Police Rescue: Stakeout. The Australian police rescue squad becomes embroiled in a drugs bust when they are called to help free a trapped truck driver. Starring Gary Sweet (Ceefax) (881632)
8.50 Points of View (Ceefax) (s) (294125)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Weather (7835)
9.30 Stephanie Cole in Soldiering On. The stoical wife of a stockbrocker reassesses her life in this monologue by Alan Bennett (r). (Ceefax) (447309)
10.05 BBC Proms – Live. From the Albert Hall, London, the Consort of Musicke, directed by Anthony Rooley, performs a selection of madrigals from Monteverdi's Sixth Book. A simultaneous broadcast with Radio 3 (s) (1414477)



Anne Tenney and Nicholas Eadie (11.20pm)

11.20 Film: Fragments of War – The Story of Damien Parer (1988). A superior drama, based on the life of the Australian war photographer (Nicholas Eadie), who was killed in action in 1944. Anne Tenney plays his wife Directed by John Duigan (607699)
12.50 Weather (6927713). Ends at **12.55**
2.15-2.45 BBC Select: Accountancy Television. Scrambled (494317); **3.15-3.45** Legal Network Television Scrambled (91317)

BBC2

7.10 Open University: Education: Time to Learn (7956496) **7.35** Measuring the Earth and the Moon (3064729) **8.00 Breakfast News** (4623361)
8.15 Ghostwriter (r) (s) (1287477)
8.40 Arthur Negus Enjoys. A collection of Victorian pot lids (r) (4904125)



Ella Raines and George Sanders (9.00am)

9.00 Film: The Strange Affair of Uncle Harry (1945, b/w). Engrossing melodrama starring George Sanders as the down-trodden brother of Geraldine Fitzgerald, whose jealousy threatens to prevent his impending marriage to Ella Raines. Directed by Robert Siodmak (5882877)
10.15 Laurel and Hardy Triple Bill: In *Saps at Sea* (1940, b/w) Stan and Ollie embark on a restful sea voyage (821816); at **11.15** in *Any Old Port* (1932, b/w) the bumbling duo fight for a lady's honour (2087800), and at **11.35** in *Midnight Patrol* (1933, b/w) police officers Laurel and Hardy arrest their chief on suspicion of burglary (9939309)
11.55 Soviet 1929-1933 (b/w). The revolution's effect on the lives of Russian women (9939125)
12.00 Death of a Farm. Marshall Farm, Devon (r) (93361)
12.30 A Girl Called Eudora. Eudora Quartey of Ghana belongs to an extended family (r) (8075941)
1.20 Forget-Me-Not Farm. Puppet series (r) (84493090)
1.35 Discovering Birds (r) (19955903)
2.00 News and weather followed by **Holiday Outings.** London on the cheap (16730274)
2.10 The Real Food of China. Fish and noodle dishes (r) (14390187) **2.35 CountryFile** (r) (s) (3116309)
3.00 News and weather (1767090) **3.05 Aussies.** Jack Pizzey looks at friendship (r) (6830274) **3.50 News,** regional news and weather (1701090)
4.00 Film: Imitation of Life (1959) starring Lana Turner and John Gavin. Moving drama, based on Fannie Hurst's novel, about an aspiring actress and her black housekeeper struggling to raise their daughters. Directed by Douglas Sirk (9699)
6.00 Star Trek. Captain Kirk (William Shatner) helps a beleaguered tribe (r). (Ceefax) (975699)
6.50 Gunsmoke. Vintage western (731477)
7.40 Allied to the Mafia. Documentary about the secret alliance between the US Naval Intelligence and the Mafia during the second world war (r) (962516)
8.30 On the Line: Secrets of the Coach (s). See Choice (5019)
9.00 The Wednesday Play: The Spongers (r). See Choice (6106)
10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow. (Ceefax) (290748)
11.15 Edinburgh Nights. Festival highlights (s) (341106)
11.55 Weather (854403) **12.00 American History.** The link between New York's transport network and the growth of Harlem (6793997)
12.25 Mantegna: The Triumphs of Caesar. A look at Andrea Mantegna's series of nine paintings (6796084). Ends at **12.55**

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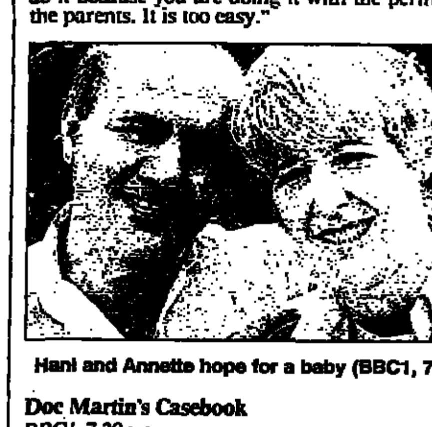
CHOICE

The Wednesday Play: The Spongers
BBC2, 9.00pm

The season of plays from the 1960s and 1970s goes out with a bang as we come to Jim Allen's absorbing social drama, directed fly-on-the-wall style by Roland Joffe. From the start, the film plunges us into an acrimonious world in which Pauline, a single mother brilliantly played by Christine Hargreaves, struggles to support a family while battling against the social security system. It is 1977 and there are some lighter moments as the council estate prepares for the Queen's silver jubilee: "Hold her up the right way you communists!", shouts a royalist to helpers manhandling a cardboard cut-out of the Queen. Increasingly though, the atmosphere becomes desperate. Pauline's Down's syndrome child has been moved into an old people's home to save money and despite the vociferous efforts of her community worker (Bernard Hill), the council will not reverse its decision.

On the Line: Secrets of the Coach
BBC2, 8.30pm

Coaches have always had immense power with which to bully and cajole their athletes into fulfilling their sporting potential, but this shocking programme about sexual abuse shows that such power can be misused. One female interviewee confesses that she was pressurised into having sex with a coach when she was 14. She believes she was taken advantage of because she was innocent and virginal, "the ultimate in what society says men should want". Sickeningly, a former national swimming coach convicted of indecent assault tells us: "Coaching legitimates access. You can do it because you are doing it with the permission of the parents. It is too easy."



Hani and Annette hope for a baby (BBC1, 7.30pm)

Doc Martin's Casebook
BBC1, 7.30pm

An emotionally draining episode introduces us to a couple making what they feel could be their last attempt at *in vitro* fertilisation (IVF). Annette is nearly 40. Her fallopian tubes are blocked and IVF is her only chance of becoming pregnant, but this is her sixth attempt. The process is time-consuming and expensive, but more than this it is mentally agonising. It is in the nature of human beings to look for patterns in life and we feel that Annette and her partner Hani are hoping that now, just when they are at the end of their tether, they will be successful. The programme stays with them as they wait to find out.

mr don and mr george
Channel 4, 10.35pm

Presumably this new six-part comedy is on late so that the viewer can get tanked up with lagers beforehand. Otherwise there could be a problem with finding it funny. Jack Docherty and Moray Hunter are under the illusion that their double act from *Absolutely* is strong enough to support a whole series. After all, one of them (mr george) is tall and the other, small: what more could one want of a comic duo? Numerous surreal adventures are promised but tonight sees the lunatic pair attempting to be spies. There are a few good moments, notably Jack Hedley as the MI5 head talking knowledgeably about Status Quo, but the punning dialogue and visual slapstick become immensely trying. **Stephanie Billen**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (4677038)
9.25 Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers. Cartoon (r) (5176941) **9.50 London Today** (2983903)
9.55 Disney's Meet the Munceys A maid inherits a wealthy dowager's estate (r) (5759767) **10.50 Cartoon** (6309293) **10.55 News** (6308564)
11.00 James Bond Jr Animated adventures (6316941) **11.25 Win, Lose or Draw.** Celebrity game show (6215800) **11.55 London Today** (9926651)
12.00 Cartoon (7394458) **12.10 Allsorts** A day at the zoo (r) (s) (2072941)
12.30 Lunchtime News with Nicholas Owen and Julia Somerville (Teletext) Weather (8636767) **1.05 London Today** (84425699)
1.15 Home and Away. (Teletext) (955187)
1.45 A Country Practice. Medical drama (s) (954458)
2.15 Dilly Down Town. Dilly Braimoh explores London's Greek and Turkish Cypriot communities (r) (979767)
2.45 Take the High Road Highland drama serial (3109019) **3.10 News** headlines (1785496) **3.15 London Today** (1784767)
3.20 The Young Doctors. Annabel reveals a secret to Ben and Robyn (2472903)
3.50 Children's ITV: Cartoon Porky Pig (r) (4755019) **3.55 Scooby Doo** (r) (6653632) **4.20 How 2** speak Welsh and clean silver with kitchen foil. With Fred Dinenage (r) (2647835) **4.40 Spatz** Children's comedy drama series (r) (2422532)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Ceefax) (2821496)
5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Teletext) Weather (117496)
6.00 London Tonight (23090)
7.00 Fantastic Facts. Jonathan Ross presents strange but true stories from around the world. Tonight, Dominic O'Brien demonstrates his amazing memory, Tom Noddy blows unbelievable bubbles and Stuart Baldwin lays dinosaur eggs Fiona Armstrong discovers the secret of truffles in Italy and Will Lunn presents bizarre medical items (s) (7090)



Dinner for Lancashire and Roache (7.30pm)

7.30 Coronation Street. Raquel and Ken enjoy a tête-à-tete in a French restaurant. With Sarah Lancashire and William Roache (Teletext) (380)
8.00 Pot of Gold Showbusiness critic Philippa Kennedy and audience member Colin Smith are tonight's judges in the talent and game show, hosted by Des O'Connor (3361)
9.00 Sidney Sheldon's Windmills of the Gods Continuing the two-part drama starring Jaclyn Smith. Mary's position as American ambassador in Bucharest is beset by political intrigue. Concludes after the news (r). (Teletext) (3125)
10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald. (Teletext) Weather (98816) **10.30 London Tonight** (600944)
10.40 Sidney Sheldon's Windmills of the Gods. Concluding part (r). (Teletext) (683309)
11.30 Film: Eminent Domain (1991) starring Donald Sutherland and Anne Archer Complex political thriller about a Politburo member in communist Poland who suddenly finds himself out of favour with the authorities. Directed by John Irvin (22583)
1.30am Entertainment UK (s) (26978)
2.30 America's Top Ten (s) (83978)
3.00 The Little Picture Show. Video reviews (r) (92571)
4.00 60 Minutes. American news magazine (r) (50423)
5.00 Riviera. French drama serial (48242)
5.30 ITN Morning News (33775). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

5.30 Heathcliff Cartoon fun with the naughty cat (1780922) **6.45 Wowser.** Doggy tales (1903477)
7.00 The Big Breakfast. Presented by Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin, with Paula Yates (29835)
9.00 Saved by the Bell. American high school drama series (36403) **9.30 Star Street.** Zodiac adventures (r) (2642651) **9.55 Kid 'n' Play.** Fun with the cartoon rappers (r) (2650670)
10.25 Kelly. Police dog story (2993380) **10.55 The Adventures of Tintin.** Hergé's hero rockets to the moon (r) (9988336)
11.20 The Henderson Kids. Australian drama series (r) (6327699) **11.50 The Ball of Wool.** Cartoon about a knitted world (7854922)
12.00 High 5. Sporting feats (r) (95729) **12.30 Sesame Street.** With actress Carol Channing (r) (58477)
1.30 The Herbs. Fun with Parsley the lion and friends (r) (77982816) **1.45 Foofur.** Cartoon (77910699)
2.00 Film: Dirigible (1931, b/w) starring Jack Holt and Fay Wray. Sentimental adventure story about the quest by early aviators to reach the South Pole. Directed by Frank Capra (742670)
3.50 Exercise. Cartoon looking at the evolution of man (4746361) **3.55 Our Backyard.** A report on a couple who are reintroducing a variety of vegetable crops to the Devon countryside; and, in Glasgow, how young people are returning to the land. Presented by David Gee (r) (Teletext) (9774125)
4.30 Countdown. Richard Whiteley hosts the words and numbers game. (Teletext) (s) (293)
5.00 Film: The Elusive Pimpernel (1950) starring David Niven, Margaret Leighton and Jack Hawkins. Lively adventure in which a foppish English nobleman risks his life to save terrified aristocrats from the guillotine during the French Revolution. Directed by Michael Powell (86962)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow. (Teletext) Weather (526767)
7.50 Comment. Miriam Ryle calls for international sanctions against Iraq to be lifted (162767)
8.00 Brookside. Peter confesses his past to Beth. With Robert Beck and Anna Friel (Teletext) (s) (4380)
8.30 In the Company of Whales. Dr Roger Payne examines evidence that pollution is threatening the ability of the whale to exist in the world's oceans (r) (Teletext) (s) (59496)
10.00 The Golden Palace: The Chicken and the Egg. Blanche's boyfriend proposes and then suggests that she be the mother of his children With Rue McClanahan. (Teletext) (s) (96458)



Moray Hunter and Jack Docherty (10.30pm)

10.30 mr don and mr george. (Teletext) See Choice (571125)
11.05 LA Law: The Bald Ones. Brachman's inheritance is jeopardised by the appearance of two half-brothers. With Alan Rachins (Teletext) (s) (195854)
12.05am East of Sweden. First shown at the 1990 Montreux festival, this Finnish comedy re-tells the story of Creation (7322171)
12.45 Film: Koel (1959). The season of films starring Noor Jehan continues with this entertaining romantic drama about childhood sweethearts, whose love is put to the test With Aslam Parwez. Directed by Masoud Parwez In Urdu with English subtitles (15970591). Ends at **3.20**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 9.25-9.50 C.O.P.S. (5176941) **1.05pm-1.15** Anglia News (94425699) **2.15-2.45** Gardening Time (979767) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (2821496) **6.00** Home And Away (904125) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (846748) **11.30** The Equalizer (50903) **12.30am** Ngaio Marsh Mystery: Opening Night (177930) **2.10** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (6365626) **2.40** 60 Minutes (7098862) **3.35** Cue the Music (3533591) **4.30** Riviera (33444775) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (6570688)

CENTRAL
As London except: 9.25-9.50am Film: A Tale of Two Critters (5176941) **1.15** A Country Practice (955187) **1.45** Home and Away (954458) **2.15-2.45** Gardening Time (979767) **3.20-3.50** Deepwater Haven (2472903) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (2821496) **6.00** Home and Away (904125) **6.25-7.00** Central News (846748) **10.30-10.40** Central News (600944) **11.30** The Equalizer (799729) **12.25am** Cloughie's Golden Oldies (6783510) **12.55** Entertainment UK (299591) **2.55** BPM (9712997) **3.55** Night Shift (89621607) **4.05** Jobfinder (2266930) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (9451626)

GRANADA
As London except: 9.25-9.50am C.O.P.S. (5176941) **1.05pm** Granada News (84425699) **1.15** A Country Practice (955187) **1.45** Home and Away (19971941) **2.10-2.45** De Medici Kitchen (1890496) **3.20-3.50** Sons and Daughters (2472903) **5.10-5.40** The Mountain Bike Show (2821496) **6.00** Home and Away (904125) **6.25** Granada News (257854) **6.30-7.00** Runway (496) **10.30-10.40** Granada News (600944) **11.30** Granada Soccer Night (50903) **12.30am** Film: Opening Night (177930) **2.10** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (6365626) **2.40** 60 Minutes (7098862) **3.35** Cue the Music (3533591) **4.30** Riviera (33444775) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (6570688)

HTV WEST
As London except: 9.25-9.50am Zorro (5176941) **1.05pm-1.15** HTV News (84425699) **1.45** A Country Practice (954458) **2.15-2.45** Gardening Time (979767) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (2472903) **6.00** HTV News (816) **6.30-7.00** The West Country Game (496) **10.30-10.40** HTV News (600944) **11.30** Magnum (50903) **12.30am** Ngaio Marsh Mystery: Opening Night (177930) **2.10** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (6365626) **2.40** 60 Minutes (7098862) **3.35** Cue the Music (3533591) **4.30** Riviera (33444775) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 6.00 Wales at Six (816) **6.30-7.00** Foley Square (496) **10.30-10.40** HTV Wales News (600944)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 9.25-9.50am The Haunted School (5176941) **2.15-2.45** Right or Wrong (979767) **3.20-3.50** All Together Now (2472903) **5.37-5.40** Boredom Busters (646699) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (816) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (496) **10.30-10.40** Meridian News **5.00am-5.30** Freescreen (48242)

TYNE-TEES
As London except: 9.25-9.50am C.O.P.S. (5176941) **1.05pm** Tyne Tees News (26149516) **1.10-1.15** Where the Jobs Are (29399039) **2.15-2.45** Yan Can Cook (979767) **3.50-3.55** Cartoon (4755019) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (592380) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (496) **10.30-10.40** Tyne Tees News (600944) **11.30** Film: The Killers (571800) **1.15am** Hollywood Report (43779) **1.45** Videofashion (98220) **2.15** Transworld Sport (412713) **3.15** Raw Power (418997) **4.15-5.30** Jobfinder (2295442)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 9.25-9.50am The Haunted School (5176941) **1.05pm-1.15** Westcountry Latest (84425699) **1.45** The Young Doctors (954458) **2.15-2.45** Westcountry Focus (979767) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (2472903) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (23090) **10.30-10.40** Westcountry Latest (600944) **11.30** The Westcountry Match (50903) **12.30am** Ngaio Marsh Mystery: Opening Night (177930) **2.10** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (6365626) **2.40** 60 Minutes (7098862) **3.35** Cue the Music (3533591) **4.30** Riviera (33444775) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (6570688)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 9.25-9.50am C.O.P.S. (5176941) **1.05pm-1.15** Calendar News (84425699) **2.15-2.45** Yan Can Cook (979767) **5.55** Calendar (592380) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (496) **10.30-10.40** Calendar News (600944) **11.30** Film: The Killers (671800) **1.15am** Hollywood Report (43779) **1.45** Videofashion (98220) **2.15** Trans World Sport (412713) **3.15** Raw Power (418997) **4.15-5.30** Jobfinder (2295442)

S4C
Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfast (29835) **9.00** Saved by the Bell (36403) **9.30** Star Street (2642651) **9.55** Kid 'n' Play (6696854) **10.20** Kelly (3551212) **10.45** The Adventures of Tintin (4935800) **11.10** The Henderson Kids (4477467) **11.35** Take Five (8822767) **12.05pm** High 5 (8077090) **12.30** Sesame Street (58477) **1.30** A Different World (45212) **2.00** Film: The Farmer Takes a Wife (981421) **3.40** Oprah Gold (2411019) **4.30** Secret Life of Machines (293) **5.00** Countdown (5496) **5.30** Brookside (545) **6.00** News **6.10** Heno (959651) **7.00** Jacpot (5632) **7.30** Credo (922) **8.00** Glan Hafren (4380) **8.30** News (422908) **8.55** Film: Hairspray (59257125) **10.35** Hwyr Neu Hwyrach (284187) **11.20** Summer's Out. Desire (245729)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am Cartoons (41632) **6.30** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (4806477) **6.50** The DJ Kat Show (29782962) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (68187) **10.00** Card Sharks (6840583) **10.25** Concentration (7762293) **10.50** Dynamo Duck (1175979) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (77496) **12.00** E Street (37729) **12.30pm** Three's Company (82903) **1.00** Falcon Crest (67458) **2.00** Once an Eagle (8222941) **2.55** Another World (2735564) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (5984293) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (1835) **6.00** Games World (8477) **6.30** E Street (9729) **7.00** Rescue (2564) **7.30** Full House (1941) **8.00** Hunter (54677) **9.00** Picket Fences (13651) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (23038) **11.00-12.00am** The Streets Of San Francisco (58361)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (1385729) **9.30** ABC Nightline (44361) **10.30** Fashion TV (19187) **11.30** Business Report (39729) **12.30pm** Business Report (13903) **1.30** CBS This Morning (14632) **2.30** Fashion TV (84854) **3.30** ABC Nightline (64125) **4.30** Business Report (8854) **5.00** Live at Five (886941) **7.30** Fashion TV (9683) **8.00** News Hour (37941) **9.30** Talkback (49835) **11.30** CBS News (39019) **12.30am** ABC News (95249) **1.30** CBS News (62794) **2.30** Those Were the Days (87152) **3.30** CBS News (99997) **4.30** Beyond 2000 (91794) **5.30** CBS News (95539)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (3472767)
10.00 Little Man Tate (1991). Jodie Foster fights for her genius son (73019)
12.00 Yours, Mine and Ours (1968). Life with 17 children, starring Henry Fonda and Lucille Ball (32835)
2.00pm Silent Night, Lonely Night (1969) Lloyd Bridges and Shirley Jones find love in New England (82690)
4.00 Oh God! Book II (1980): George Burns returns as the Supreme Being (6767)
6.00 Little Man Tate (as 10am) (27854)
8.00 Company Business (1991): Gene Hackman and Mikhail Baryshnikov star in an after-the-Cold-War spy thriller (39699)
10.00 Harley Davidson and the Marlboro Man (1991). Mickey Rourke and Don Johnson help an old friend (281496)
11.40 Hot Dog, The Movie! (1984): Ski teams vie for control of the slopes (685583)
1.20am Too Much Sun (1991). Comedy of gay siblings becoming parents to inherit the family fortune (46809628)
3.40 Father (1991): Family drama as Max Von Sydow is accused of war crimes (88684626) Ends at **5.45**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Cattle Queen Of Montana (1954) Barbara Stanwyck stands up to the cattle rustlers. With Ronald Reagan (68534)
8.00 The Island Of Dr Moreau (1977). Chilling adaptation of H G. Wells's classic novel. With Burt Lancaster (13699)
10.00 Monty Python's Life of Brian Irreverent religious satire from the comedy team. (23274) Ends at **11.30**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am The Four Seasons (1981): Alan Alda's sharp study of middle-aged love and friendship (26534)
8.00 Happily Ever After (1990). Children's fairy-tale animation (40854)
10.00 The Emperor's New Clothes Hans Christian Andersen's tale updated (64361)
12.00 On the Buses (1971). Women bus drivers cause trouble at the depot (30477)
2.00pm Mr Rock and Roll (1957): The Alan Freed discovery story (11152)
4.00 Happily Ever After (as 8am) (4309)
6.00 Loose Connections (1983): A road trip through Europe goes awry (25496)
8.00 Dying Young (1991): Julia Roberts falls in love with her dying patient (20941)
10.00 Notorious (1992): Remake of Hitchcock's thriller (289038)
11.40 Let Him Have It (1991): A study of the hanging of Derek Bentley (417019)
1.40am The Monk (1991). Forbidden passion in 18th-century Madrid (525510)
3.30 Deadly Dream (1971). A scientist is urged to abandon his controversial work (4096065) Ends at **4.45**

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Soccer News (3397496) **7.15** Prime Bodies (797125) **7.45** Windsurfing (796496) **8.15** Soccer News (4850274) **8.30** Baseball (23125) **9.00** Prime Bodies (14477) **9.30** Motorsport (88729) **10.30** World Pool Championships (77564) **12.30pm** The Footballers' Football Show (94670) **2.00** The Boss (5816) **2.30** Baseball (7390) **3.00** Baseball (80767) **5.00** Fishing the West (9496) **5.30** Motor World (1106) **6.00** Soccer News (525449) **6.15** Sportsworld (291309) **7.00** Pool Championships (94187) **9.00** Australian Rugby League (61212) **11.00** Ladies Open Golf (23699) **12.00** Power Boat Championships (14688) **12.30-1.00am** The Boss (84959)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (11854) **8.00** Cycling World Championship — Live (2374458) **2.30pm** Eurofun (2458) **3.00** EuroTennis Magazine (75835) **5.00** Triathlon (3699) **6.00** Surfing (3187) **6.30** Eurosport News (7767) **7.00** Cycling (12583) **9.00** Motorsport (40729) **10.00** Kick Boxing (43816) **11.00** Wrestling (18767) **12.00-12.30am** Eurosport News (32084)

UK GOLD
7.00am Jem (3087895) **7.30** Neighbours (4532980) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (1243748) **8.30** EastEnders (1242019) **9.00** The Bill (1266699) **9.30** Moon and Son (1957090) **10.30** Big Deal (2147922) **11.30** Rhoda (8821477) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (1246835) **12.30** Neighbours (5040748) **1.00** EastEnders (4437336) **1.30** The Bill (5049019) **2.00** It Ain't Half Hot, Mum (1590106) **2.30** Citizen Smith (6475800) **3.00** Dallas (8825393) **4.00** Dynasty (8731800) **5.00** Blankety Blank (1581458) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (3326336) **6.00** Neighbours (6576859) **6.30** Moon and Son (6811090) **7.30** It Ain't Half Hot, Mum (6871403) **8.00** EastEnders (1503670) **8.30** Citizen Smith (1589477) **9.00** Big Deal (1538670) **10.00** The Bill (1247564) **10.30** Three of a Kind (1256212) **11.00** Top of the Pops (8812729) **11.30** Dr Who (7746903) **12.00** Film: Hooray For Love (1935, b/w) A cafe singer persuades daddy to marry rich in order to save the show. With Fats Waller (88994930) **1.15-2.00am** Video Bites (5143171)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Jack in the Box (10403) **7.00** The Care Bears Family (5579485) **7.55** Ratkan II (9279614) **8.30** Hammerman (47729) **9.00** Pugwall's Summer (61309) **9.30** Manu Ovide and the Gang (98941) **10.00** The Finder (48019) **10.30** The New Adventures of He-man (50293) **11.00** Spiff and Hercules (73583) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (74212) **12.00** You Can't Do That on Television (88564) **1.00** Michael Valiant (85038) **1.30** Super Mario World (95800) **2.00** Adventure (3800) **2.30** Say Ahhh! (2800) **3.00** The Care Bears Family (2590767) **3.25** Ratkan II (5129835) **3.30** The Berenstain Bears (7545) **4.00** Bobobobs (9360) **4.30** All For One (5564) **5.00** Phoenix Hall (5960) **5.30** Saved by the Bell (6816) **6.00-7.00** Fame (84748)

RADIO 3

6.35 Open University: General of the Revolution. James Watt
6.55 Weather
7.00 On Air: Bach (Fantasia and Fugue in G minor, BWV 542). Borodin (Symphony No 3 in A minor); Wolf-Ferrari (Suite: The Jewels of the Madonna): Elgar (Suite: The Crown of India)
9.00 Composers of the Week: Rodrigo and Falla: Tributes and Masters, presented by Raymond Calcraft. Falla (Pedrelliana, Homenejes: Pour le tombeau de Paul Dukas); Rodrigo (Sonada de adiós, Capriccio — Ofrenda a Sarasate: Concierto madrigal)
9.10 Bridget Riley - Five Dialogues on Art: The artist's commitment to abstract art (r)
9.35 Mozart London Baroque Ensemble performs Church Sonatas from Mozart's Salzburg years
10.00 BBC Proms Live from the Albert Hall, London. The Consort of Musicke under Anthony Rooley mark the 350th anniversary of Monteverdi's death with a performance of a selection of madrigals drawn from the composer's Sixth Book (1614). Lamento d'Arianna; Zefiro torna; Una donna fra l'altre; Ohimè, il bel viso; A Dio, Florida bella, Qui rise, O Tirsi, Misero Alceo, Batto qui pianse; Presso un fiume tranquillo. With Emma Kirkby and Evelyn Tubb, sopranos; Mary Nichols and Caroline Trevor, contraltos; Andrew King and Paul Agnew, tenors and Simon Grant, bass. A simultaneous broadcast with BBC 1 television
10.05 Midweek Choice, with Susan Sharpe. Haydn (Sinfonia Concertante in B flat, HI105); Schubert (Impromptu in A flat, D935, No 2); Parry (I Know my Soul Hath Power, Songs of Farewell): Babell (Concerto No 3 in E minor); Britten (Russian Funeral); Glazunov (Oriental Rhapsody), Weber (Polacca Brillante); Rachmaninov (Trio Elegiaque No 2, 1st mvt), Bantock (The Witch of Atlas)
11.15 Trumpet and Organ: Pascal Vigneron, trumpet, and Jean-Paul Imbert, organ of St Eustache, Paris, perform Langlais (Sonatine)
11.30 Chopin: Edith Vogel, piano performs 24 Preludes, Op 28; Berceuse in D flat, Op 57
12.00 BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra (r)
12.30-12.35am News
1.00pm News
1.05 Manchester Summer Recital with Rohan de Saram, cello, and Druvi de Saram, piano. Strauss (Cello Sonata in F, Op 6); Dallapiccola (Ciaconna, Intermezzo and Adagio): Cassado (Requiebros)
2.00 Franz Schmidt Symphonies: First in a series of four programmes. Symphony No 1 in E, performed by the Bratislava Symphony Orchestra under Ludovit Rajter
2.50 Budapest Wind Ensemble performs Beethoven (Octet in E flat, Op 103); Rossini, arr Sedlak (Overture: Tancredi); Mozart (Harmoniemusik: Cosi fan tutte; La Clemenza di Tito, Don Giovanni; Die Zauberflöte: Die Entführung aus dem Serail), Johann Strauss (son) arr Zempleni (Annen-Polka: Polka auf der Jagd) (r)
3.40 Brahms: Four pieces, Op 119 with Julius Katchen, piano
4.00 Choral Evensong, Live from the Priory Church, Edington
5.00 In Tune with Richard Baker
7.00 BBC Proms Live from the Albert Hall, London See Choice

CHOICE

Thy Good and Faithful Servant. *Radio 4 (FM). 10.00am.*

The subservience implied in master-servant relationships seems to be entirely lacking in that of Mark Tully, the BBC's man in Delhi, and his long-time servant and cook, Ram Chander. The low-caste Indian and the high profile journalist respect each other. Theirs is not at all a formal relationship. When a servant says of his master "I have a big heart, and so has he", as Chander does, social barriers crumble of their own accord. Next week's good and faithful servant is the butler working for Lord Hertford.

BBC Proms: Matrix Ensemble. *Radio 3, 7.00pm.*

The climax of tonight's Prom will have a special appeal for enthusiasts of Alan Paton's anti-apartheid novel *Cry, the Beloved Country*. David Drew has fashioned a suite out of *Lost in the Stars*, the musical tragedy which Maxwell Anderson based on Paton's novel. The music was by Kurt Weill. Other composers featured in an all-German programme are Wilhelm Grosz and Bernd Alois Zimmermann. The interval feature (at 7.50pm) is about Paton's novel. His son Jonathan is interviewed. **Peter Davalle**

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping **6.00** News Briefing incl **6.03 Weather 6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News; **6.45** Business Report **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.43** Heroic Failures **8.58** Weather
9.00 News **9.05 In the Psychiatrist's Chair:** Lord Healey (r)
9.45 The Benn Tapes: Behind the scenes in government
10.00 Thy Good and Faithful Servant (FM only). See Choice
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only) Kings, Part 4
10.30 Woman's Hour: How to write an autobiography, with Nancy Smith; counselling services in Yugoslavia's refugee camps; compensation for silicone implants that have gone wrong: the perfect hollandaise and blues singer Polly Brown
11.30 Gardeners' Question Time(r)
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25 Men of Intelligence 1: The Defector A ballet dancer wanting to defect from behind the Iron Curtain finds himself a victim of departmental bickering in 1960s London. With Donald Pickering, John Wells, Harriet Thorpe and Douglas Hodge **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Thirty Years in Pearl: James Grout, James Greene and Sheila Reid star in Sheila Goff's comedy about life on a Mediterranean cruise
2.47 View from the Fish Queue: a view of life and current affairs from Phil Smith
3.00 News; Relative Values Michael O'Donnell explores the extraordinary within family life. 1: The Josephs (r)
3.42 Happily Ever After: Leslie Forbes talks to couples with unconventional relationships. Is fidelity required for a successful relationship? (3/4)
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews Kenneth Branagh's *Much Ado About Nothing*; discusses the problems of regional film distribution and previews Channel 4's new comedy, *mr don & mr george*
4.45 Short Story: All Over the Place by Michael Carson.
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Brain of Britain 1993 (r)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Costing the Earth: Roger Harrabin closes the series with a visit to the Centre for Alternative Technology in mid-Wales **7.45 Medicine Now** (r)
8.15 Age to Age: from Montacute House, Somerset (r)
8.45 In Business: Shelf Life. Peter Day reports on the future of shopping
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight with Tim Bowler **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight with Alexander MacLeod
10.45 A Book At Bedtime: The Lost Salt Gift of Blood by Alistair McLeod
11.00 Dear Diary For August 20, presented by Simon Brett (r)
11.30 No Triumph, No Tragedy A series in which five very different people talk frankly about their lives and the way in which their disabilities have shaped them **12.00 News** incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** (LW only) As World Service

RADIO 1
FM Stereo and **MW. 4.00am** Steve Edwards (FM only) **6.00** Simon Mayo **9.00** Simon Bates **11.00** 1FM Summer Roadshow, from Swansea **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **6.00** News '93 **6.30** Evening Session with Steve Lamacq **8.30** The Steve Edwards Soul Show **10.00** Nicky Campbell **12.00-4.00am** Bob Harris

RADIO 2
FM Stereo **5.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Barbara Sturgeon **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Jim Lloyd with *Folk on 2* **8.00** Eurofolk in Concert **8.30** Voices from Arcadia, last in series **9.00** Lucie Skeaping's Early Music **9.30** Nigel Ogden **10.30** Debbie Greenwood and Paul Cola **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

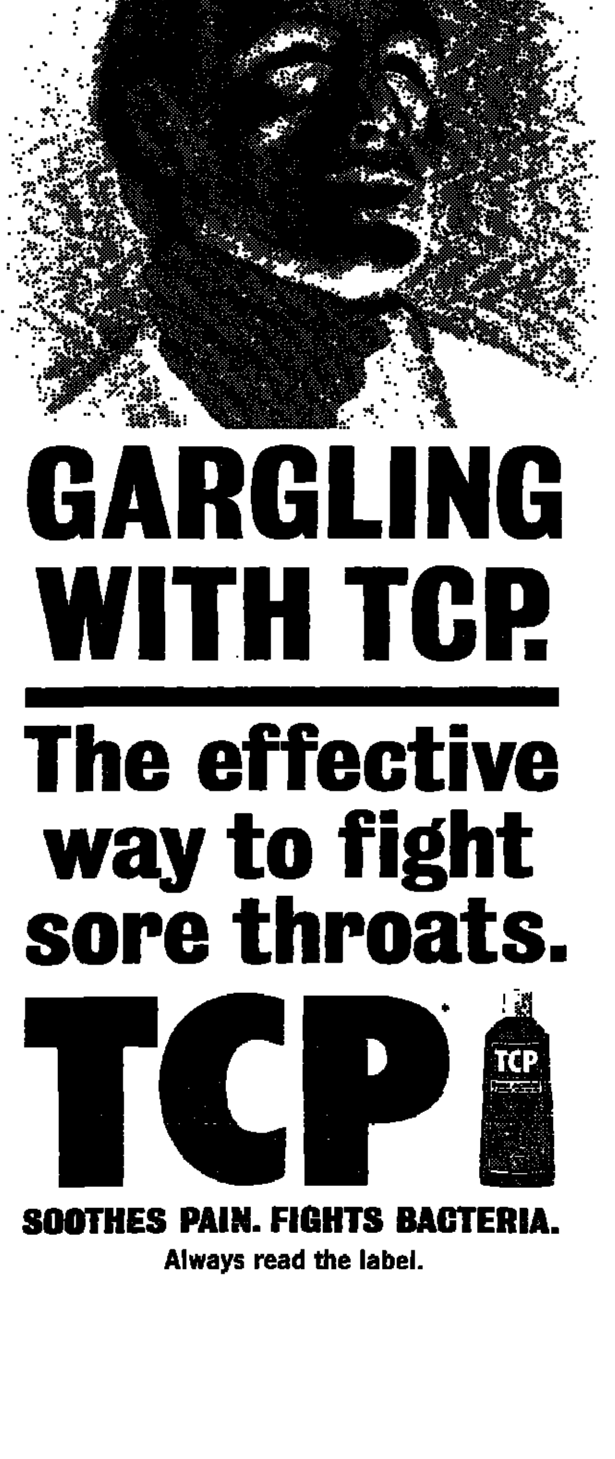
RADIO 5
News and sport on the hour until **7.00pm. 6.00am** World Service **6.30** Danny Baker's Morning Edition **9.00** Take Five **9.55** The Haunting of Sophie Bartholomew **10.25** Wiggly Park **10.30** Johnnie Walker **12.30pm** Rock Solid: The Charnwood Forest of Leicestershire (1/6) **1.00** News Update **1.10** Student Choice '93 **2.30** Sportsbeat **4.30** Five Aside **6.30** Is Anybody There? **7.15** Kiss the Dust **7.30** Trevor Brooking's Football Night **10.10** Hit the North **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

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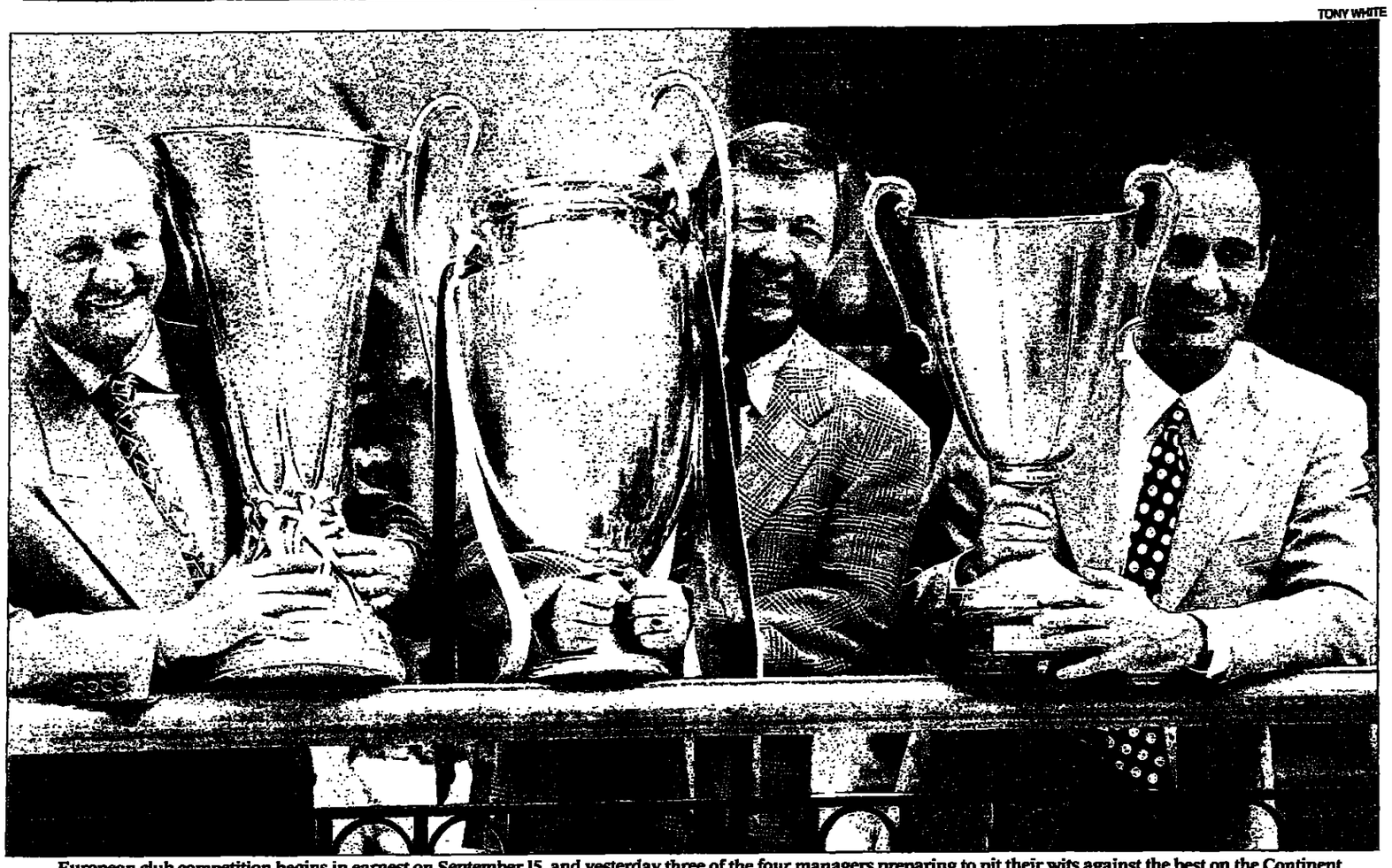
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TONY WHITE



European club competition begins in earnest on September 15, and yesterday three of the four managers preparing to pit their wits against the best on the Continent got a close-up of the trophies they are chasing. Ron Atkinson, the Aston Villa manager, Alex Ferguson, of Manchester United, and George Graham, of Arsenal were in London to launch ITV's planned coverage. "Last year we played 59 matches," George Graham warned. "We are definitely at a disadvantage to our rivals."

Norwich have much to prove

BY KEITH PIKE

NORWICH City, whose contribution to the championship race last season was so often undervalued and whose chances for the FA Carling Premiership have again been prematurely dismissed by some, can tonight use the platform of an East Anglian derby to strengthen their desire to be taken seriously at last.

The results of the matches against Ipswich Town last season were watersheds in Norwich's unlikely and ultimately unsuccessful challenge. Norwich's 2-0 defeat at Carrow Road in December, their first at home after 12 matches, cut into both their confidence and the eight-point lead they had established. Then, by winning the return at Portman Road 3-1, Ipswich finally ended their neighbours' title hopes. If Norwich needed an added incentive to redress the balance in front of their own supporters, they have it.

But if recent history is against them — they have not beaten Ipswich for eight years, and in the past six league meetings have scored just one goal to Ipswich's 11 — the news from the treatment rooms is much in their favour.

With John Polston having recovered from a knee injury, Mike Walker can field the side which won so impressively against Leeds United at Elland Road on Saturday. Ipswich, though, are likely to be deprived of the services of Ian Marshall.

Marshall, a £750,000 signing from Oldham Athletic, has scored in each of Ipswich's first three matches, helping his side to maximum points and forming a promising partnership with Kiwomya in attack. A foot injury threatens his place.

Liverpool, having gone to the top of the league for the first time in more than two years on Sunday, can regain the lead from Manchester United with victory over Tottenham Hotspur at Anfield. Graeme Souness will not, after all, have to contend with an enforced team change for the first time this season. Neil Ruddock having recovered from a groin strain in time to play against the club which sold him for £2.5 million in the summer after protracted and occasionally bitter transfer negotiations.

"It's no secret I wanted to keep Neil here but it wasn't possible in the circumstances." Osvaldo Ardiles, the Tottenham manager, said yesterday. "I wasn't prepared to give him certain things he wanted and maybe the real truth will come out one day."

How much Tottenham must pay Ipswich for Jason Dozzell, meanwhile, looks likely now to be decided by a tribunal. The clubs have been unable to agree a fee for the player Ipswich rate at £2 million. "Although I would prefer to settle the matter between us, I'm not unhappy about it going to a tribunal," Ardiles said.

Everton, the third team to have taken maximum points so far, face their sternest examination to date when they play Newcastle United at St James' Park. Having lost their opening two matches, Newcastle showed considerable enterprise during their 1-1 draw against Manchester United at Old Trafford on Saturday. Everton are again likely to be without Dave Watson, their captain, who has a head injury.

Southampton, without a win in their first three matches, take on fellow strugglers, Swindon Town, at The Dell with the England B wing, Matthew Le Tissier, doubtful after damaging his knee in the 2-1 defeat at Queens Park Rangers on Saturday. If Le Tissier is ruled out, Ian Branfoot, the Southampton manager, may decide to give youth team player, Neal Bartlett, or reserve team striker, Frankie Bennett, a chance.

☐ Charlton Athletic are to build a 6,000-seat stand as the next stage of redevelopment at The Valley. The single-tier cantilever construction will cost £2 million, and is expected to be completed by Easter Saturday, when they play Southend United in the Endsleigh Insurance League first division. It will raise capacity at The Valley to around 14,000.

☐ The Italian league season will kick off 30 minutes late on Sunday as the players' representative body stage a protest over the decision by Bologna and Leghorn, the financially troubled third-division clubs, to release a number of players who were under contract.

Kenyans demand review of world 10,000m

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

KENYAN athletics officials have asked for a review of the men's 10,000 metres at the world championships in Stuttgart on Sunday. They are demanding that the gold medal should be given to Moses Tanui, the runner-up.

Ernest Keitany, the Kenyan team manager, has accused the winner, Haile Gebresilasie, of Ethiopia, of illegally impeding and spiking Tanui, and has claimed that the race jury was biased.

"We have appealed to the International Amateur Athletic Federation," Keitany said yesterday. "We want the result reviewed and the gold given to its rightful winner — Tanui."

Tanui kicked off a damaged shoe going into the final lap of the race when the Ethiopian appeared to tread on him. The Kenyan team protested that Gebresilasie had obstructed Tanui but their appeal was rejected by race officials.

Andre Cason will have his only chance this year to exact 100 metres revenge on Linford Christie at the Brussels grand prix next month. The Belgian event, part of the elite golden four series, has attracted 25 world champions.

Cason, beaten into second place at Stuttgart by Christie despite clocking his best time, will not compete at Friday's Berlin meeting due to commercial commitments in the United States.

The Brussels grand prix will also match Merlene Ottey, of Jamaica, against Gwen Torrence, of the United States, in another sprint repeat. Ottey beat Torrence in the 200 metres.

Eight athletes are still in line for a 1kg gold bar, which will go to winners of all four individual events at the golden four competitions.

Sally Gunnell and Colin Jackson, of Britain, who both won gold medals and broke world records in Stuttgart, have accepted an invitation to run in next year's Goodwill Games in St Petersburg, Russia.

America's nine athletics gold medal-winners from the Olympic Games in Barcelona are also among the early acceptors. About 2,000 athletes from more than 50 countries are expected to compete at the games from July 23 to August 7.

Council approves panel of neutral umpires

BY IVO TENNANT

THE International Cricket Council (ICC) is likely to set up an independent panel of umpires to officiate in Test matches in every country starting from this autumn. Member countries are expected to support the recommendations of a newly-formed ICC sub-committee that is keen to ensure there are no further allegations of biased decisions.

The ten-man sub-committee, which is chaired by Clyde Walcott and includes Dr Ali Bacher, Sir Colin Cowdrey, Bob Cowper, Sunil Gavaskar and Imran Kahn, is intent on having one independent umpire in every Test. The other would be provided by the home board of control.

David Richards, chief executive of the ICC, added that it did not want to deter umpires who could not go abroad in the winter from officiating in their own countries. He is holding talks with National Grid about renewing their sponsorship of umpires which runs out after the series between Sri Lanka and South Africa that begins today in Moratuwa. Brian Aldridge, of New Zealand, is standing in the first Test.

"I think the member countries will give us their backing, but we will need sponsorship," Richards said. "Also, at the moment a visiting side can object to an umpire and obviously that would be ludicrous if he was already 5,000 miles from home."

The sub-committee, which met at Lord's on Monday, felt that the introduction of a third umpire and the use of replays was a worthwhile innovation. It has also recommended that the match referee's role should extend to reporting on the performances of umpires. This, too, is likely to be introduced in time for the series between Pakistan and India and between Australia and New Zealand.

The sub-committee, which was formed in July to debate major issues in the game, felt that the experiment of one bouncer an over had not been effective and that captains, as opposed to umpires, should still have responsibility for on-field behaviour. Richards, who said the ruling on bouncers "barely survived" the ICC's meeting this summer, is to put these views to member countries for discussion.

Sledging carries seeds of sport's destruction

BY SIMON BARNES

THE Ashes summer ended with the unexpected balm of an Australian defeat, and on the same day, a meeting of the newly-formed cricket committee of the International Cricket Conference. Among the many things they discussed was "player conduct". It would be as unexpected as the England win, and as pleasing, if they were actually able to do something about it.

The Ashes series has been full of wonderful cricket: most particularly the bowling of Warne and Hughes. It has also been full of bitter sledging. Sledging: cricket-speak for aggressive verbal assaults intended to put a player off.

Many of us will remember that wonderfully amiable Ashes summer of 1985, full of handshakes and camraderie. Certainly Border, the Australian captain, has never forgotten it: his side was beaten 3-1. Border was never as friendly again. He has won the last three Ashes series 4-0, 3-0 and now 4-1.

Coincidence? Border does not believe so. "It's not tiddly-winks out there," he says. Test cricket is played at enormous intensity. Top-level sport is the infinitely intense pursuit of the infinitely trivial.

Sport is a kind of peaceful messing about conducted at warlike intensity. Both aspects are crucial if sport is to keep its public following. We want players to mess about as if their lives depended on it: to make war and make peace simultaneously.

It is a huge contradiction these people are asked to span, but sport depends on it. The question of sledging is an indication of an error in perspective. Sledging pushes the essential contradiction of sport out of its precarious balance.

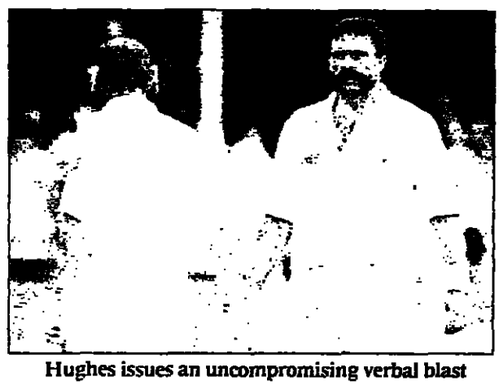
Short-pitched bowling is another matter entirely. A batsman who gets hit knows he will have his courage tested again, straightaway: and rightly so. Courage in the face of the hard ball has been part of cricket since the game began.

Sledging, however, is destructive of sport itself. The Australian response would be to get macho about this, and to talk about heat and kitchens. Certainly, the heat-and-kitchens law is relevant to fast bowling; but sledging is qualitatively different.

I do not think I am trying to impose an English cultural preference onto a global game. I simply ask for cricket. Sledging is something else. This is the case whether a player wilts in the face of it all, as Hick — though he did nerve himself up to answering his tormentor in the last Test — or whether, like Atherton, another of Hughes's special targets, he gathers strength and resolution from every school-dinner insult.

The thing is, if you permit unbridled sledging, what next? The batsman must be entitled to answer back. The bowler will then redouble his threats. The batsman must then be permitted to answer with threats of his own. Nose-to-nose finger-wagging must follow. Then pushing and shoving. Then blows. Then what? The batsman laying about the entire fielding side with his bat? Well, is that quite fair? Perhaps the defenceless close catchers should be armed. And perhaps there is no need to bother with the ball at all: let's have an all-out punch-up instead.

This is all a logical progression from uncontrolled sledging. Sport loses its point; and if sport loses its point, it loses its audience. Sledging is not simply another conundrum in a traditionally vexed and controversial game. Sledging is more dangerous to the sport than all the rows about chucking, umpiring, bumpers, walking, appealing and ball-tampering. All these are sporting controversies. But sledging holds the seeds of the destruction of sport itself.

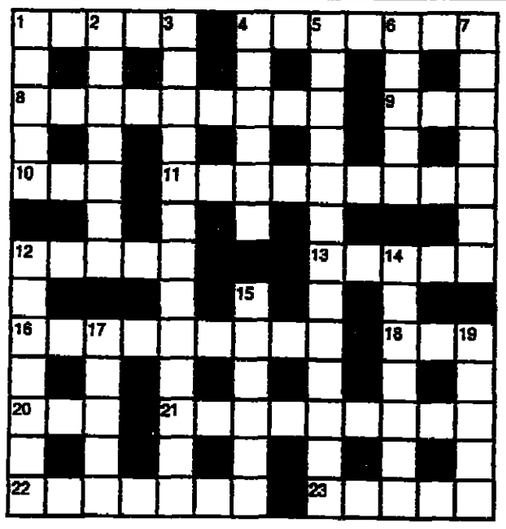


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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Flear - Martin, Brussels 1992. White has established a pawn chain on d5 and c6 which is cutting Black's position in two. How did he finish matters off?



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

OXYRHYNCH
a. A cattle ranch
b. A crab
c. A papyrus palimpsest

PISANG
a. The pink Sri Lankan banana
b. Ripe tea-leaves
c. Infected blood

NIDGE
a. Push
b. The nape of the neck
c. Trim

CLERUCH
a. Office clerk
b. To make plain
c. Greek citizen

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